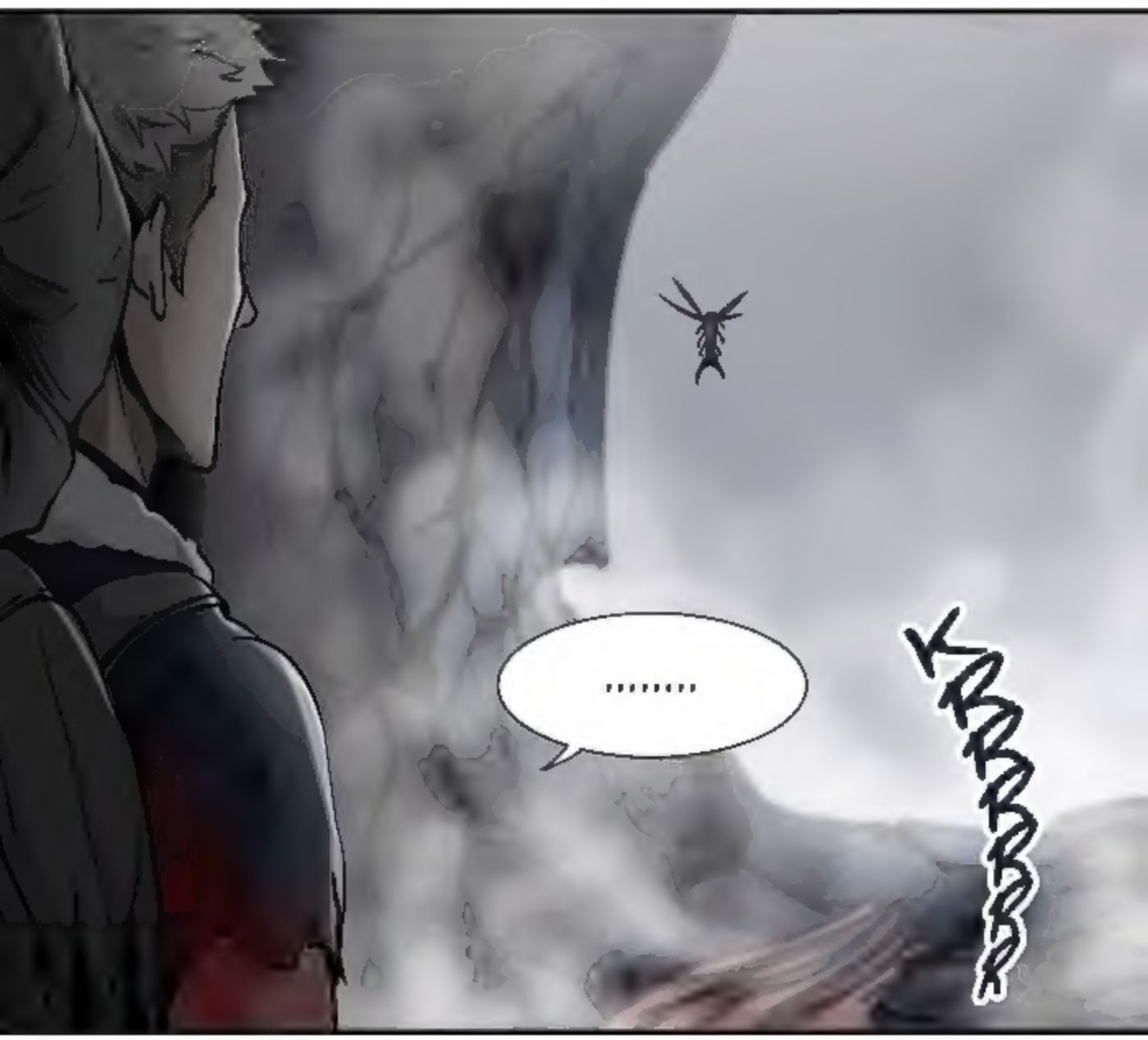
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KRRRRRR

I WAS ALREADY SURPRISED JUST TO MEET GARAM JAHAD...
P.. PRINCESS.
ARE YOU OKAY?
I DIDN'T THINK THAT SHE AND UREK MAZINO KNEW EACH OTHER...

HEY.
LONG TIME
NO SEE,
HELL JOE.

KRRRRRK
YOU'VE SURE CHANGED LOTS SINCE I LAST SAW YOU.

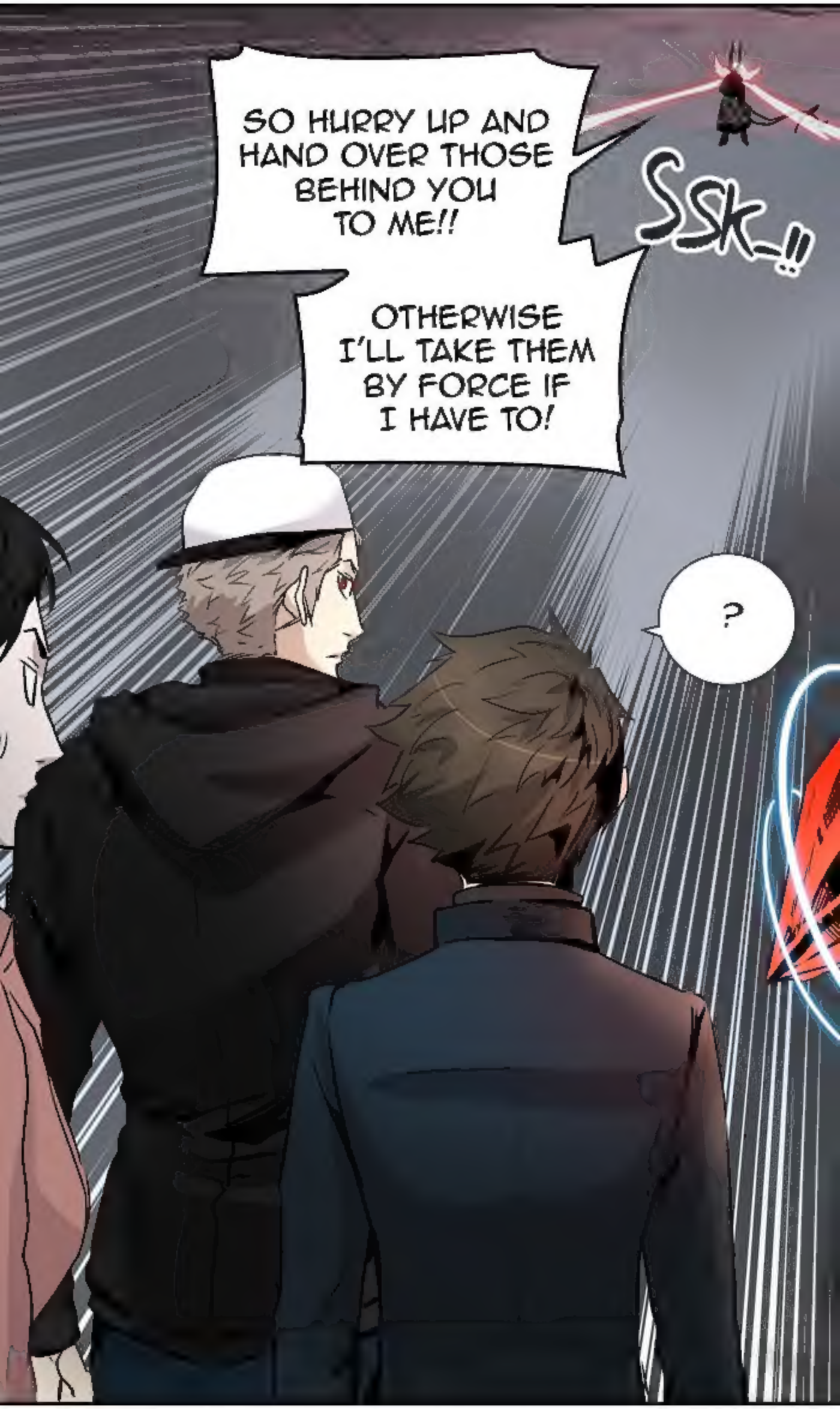
U...UREK...?
UREK..!?
HOW..!?

U..
UREK MAZINO!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?
WELL, IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
ACTUALLY, I ALSO COULDN'T COME HERE FOR A WHILE SINCE THIS PLACE BECAME OFF-LIMITS...
PLUS I HEARD SOME BAD NEWS ABOUT YOU.

THEY SAY THAT YOU'RE PLAYING KING WITH THE POWER OF THE RED THRYSSA THAT I GAVE YOU.
!!

BUT WHEN YOU GOT THE RED THRYSSA FROM ME,
I'M SURE THAT YOU SAID THAT YOU WOULD USE ITS POWER FOR THE BENEFIT OF EVERYONE.
WHY DID YOU CHANGE LIKE THAT, HELL JOE?

HMPH!! DID YOU COME HERE AFTER ALL THIS TIME JUST TO BOSS ME AROUND!?
I'M SICK OF THIS GODDAMN PLACE!! RIGHT NOW, MY ONLY GOAL IS TO GET OUT OF HERE!!


SO HURRY UP AND HAND OVER THOSE BEHIND YOU TO ME!!
OTHERWISE I'LL TAKE THEM BY FORCE IF I HAVE TO!
Ssk-!!
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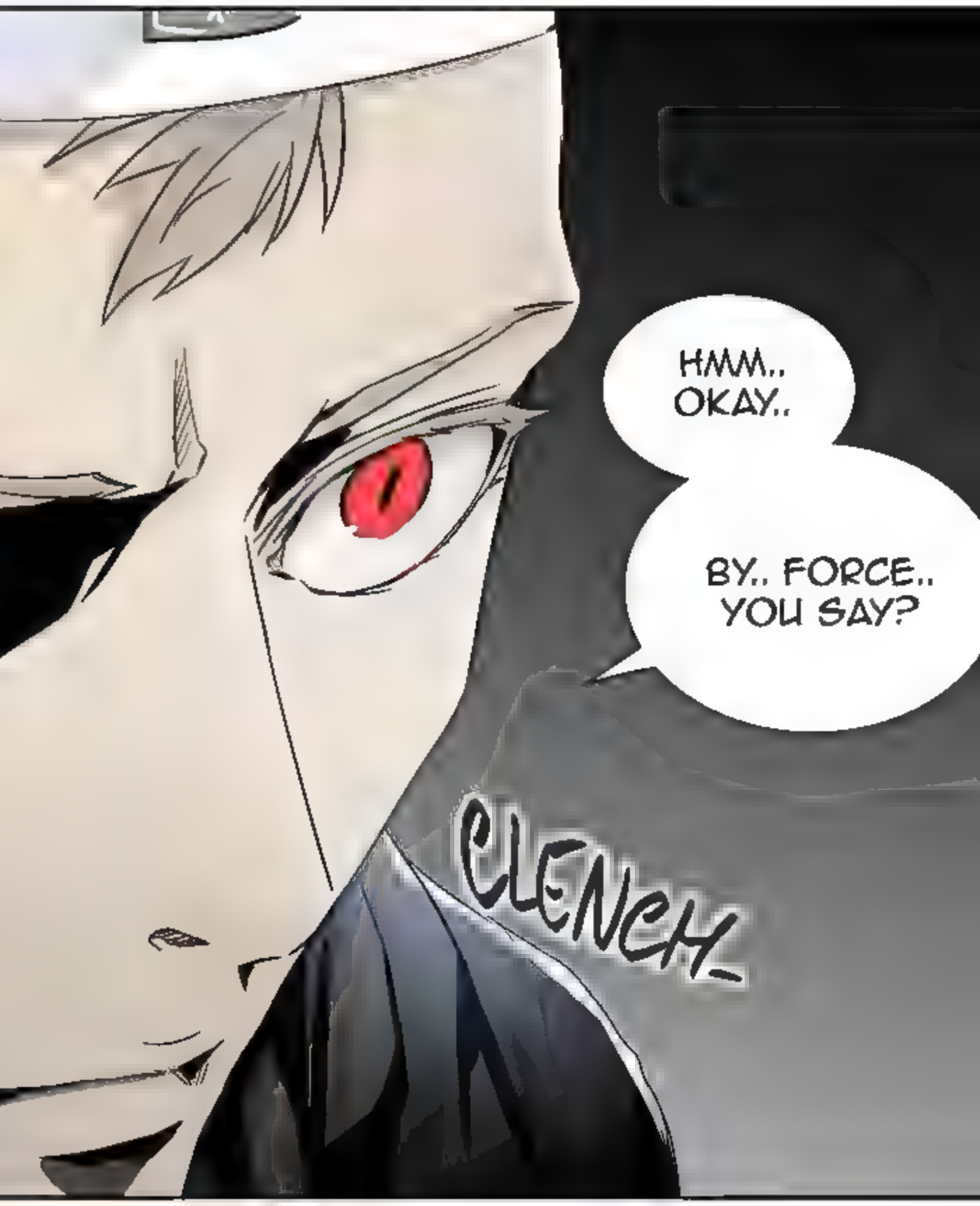
HMM..
OKAY..
BY.. FORCE..
YOU SAY?
CLENCH

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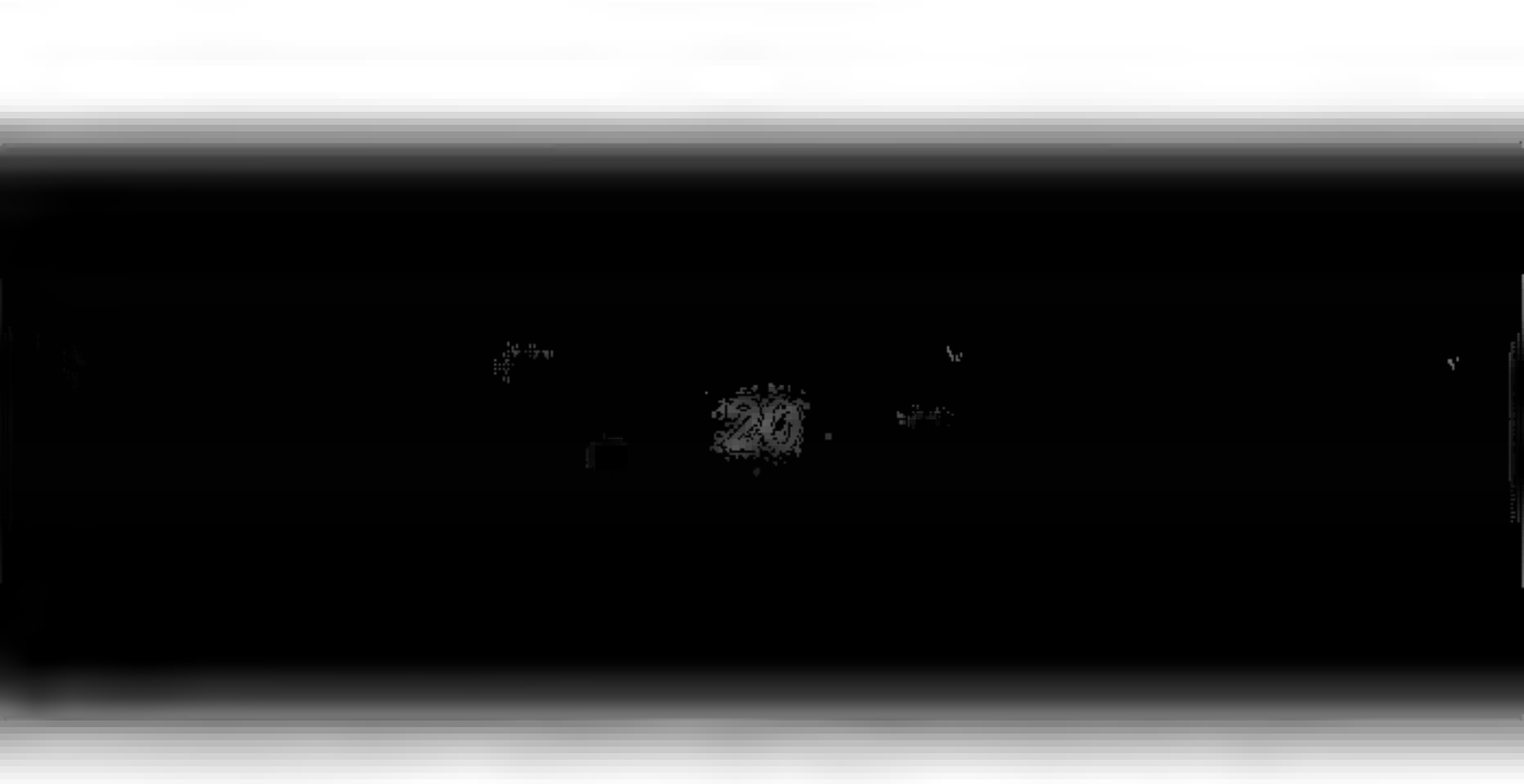
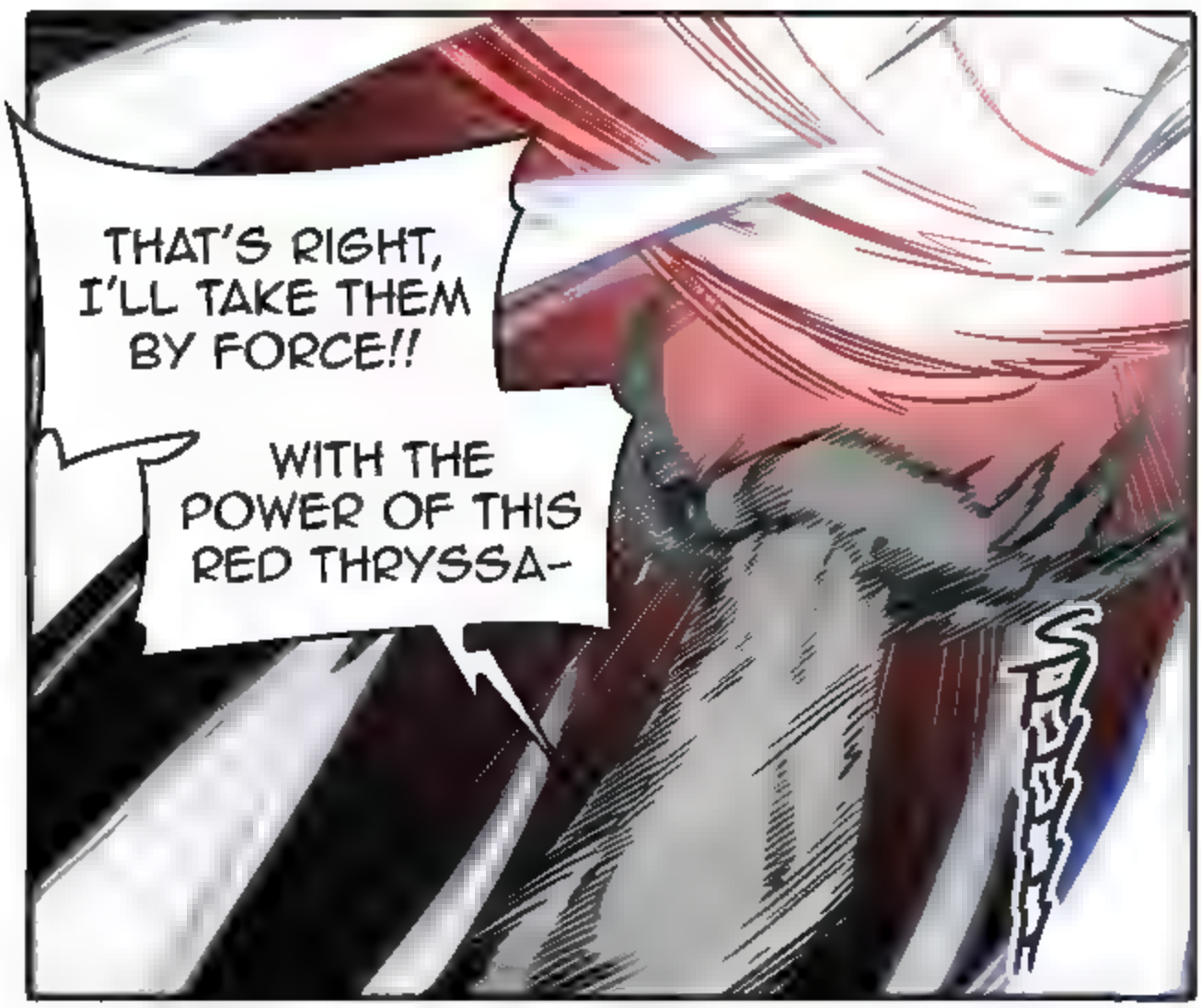
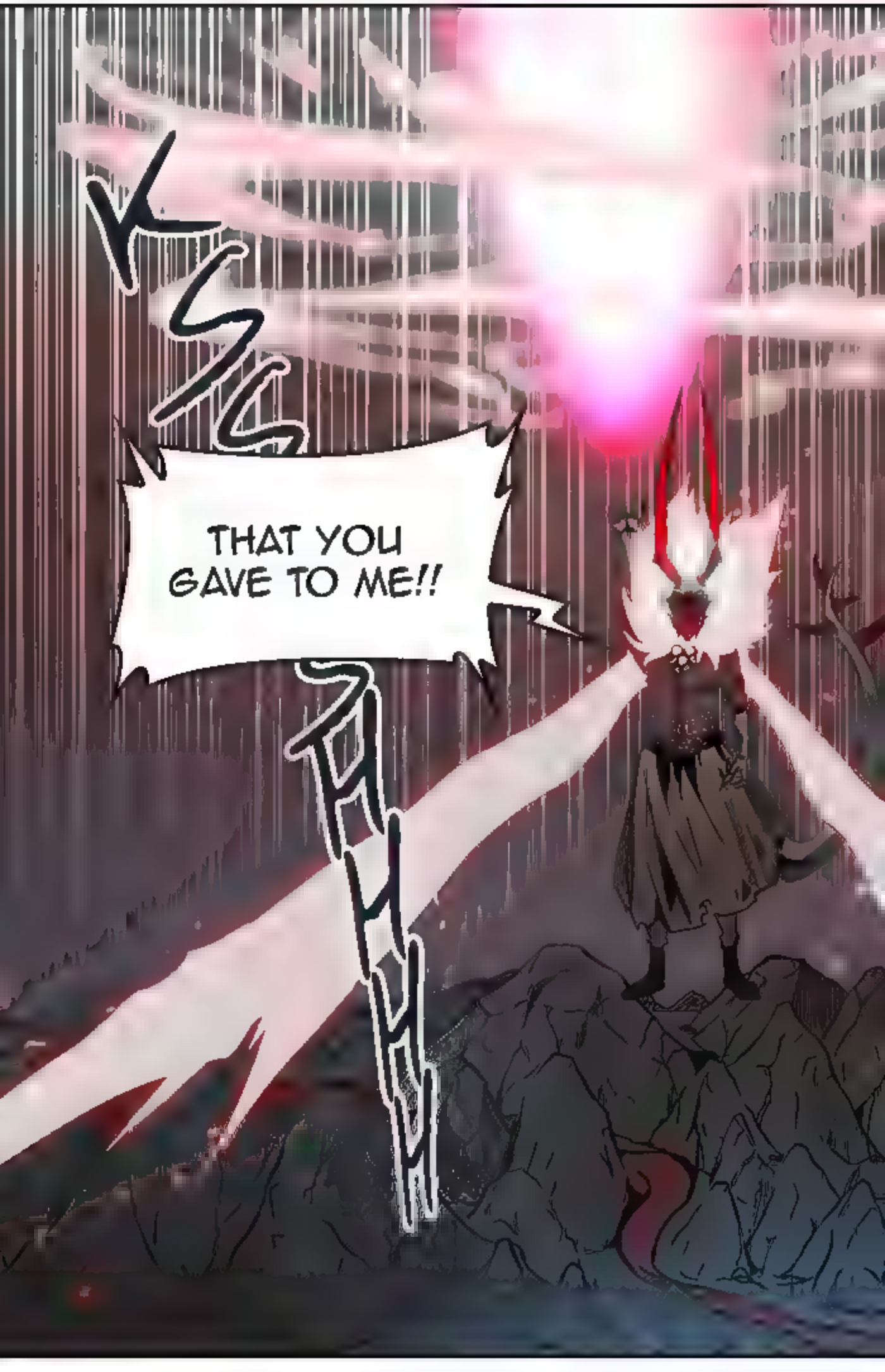
Tower of God

THE HELL TRAIN
THE FLOOR OF DEATH



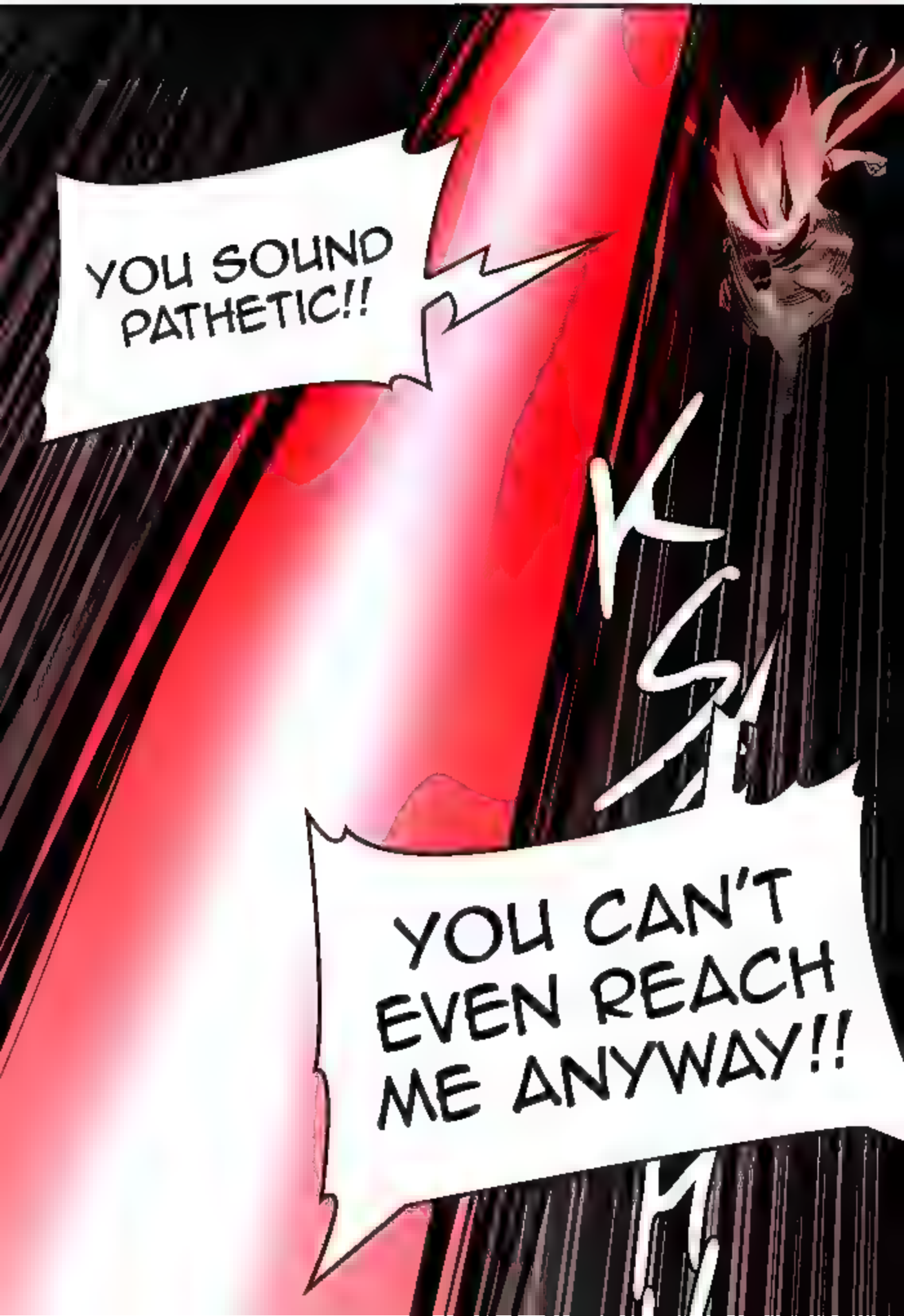

THAT'S RIGHT, I'LL TAKE THEM BY FORCE!!
WITH THE POWER OF THIS RED THRYSSA-
SPLASH!


THAT YOU
GAVE TO ME!!

BABY, WE'RE GOING TO RUN! GET READY!!
WHAT!?
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN USE SHINSU HERE!! HURRY!!

WHA
EK!
WHY WOULD YOU COME HERE IF YOU CAN'T EVEN USE SHINSU, YOU IDIOT!?
AGH!!

JUST WAIT..
FOR NOW, I'LL HEAR WHAT HE HAS TO SAY.. I DON'T EVEN NEED SHINSU ANYWAY..
CLENCH
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!!
DAMNIT! I WAS WONDERING WHAT WAS COMING TO HELP US BUT I GUESS IT WAS THIS USELESS IDIOT!!


YOU SOUND PATHETIC!!
YOU CAN'T EVEN REACH ME ANYWAY!!

BAM!! SOMETHING'S IS COMING!!
WE HAVE TO TURN TO THE RIGHT!!

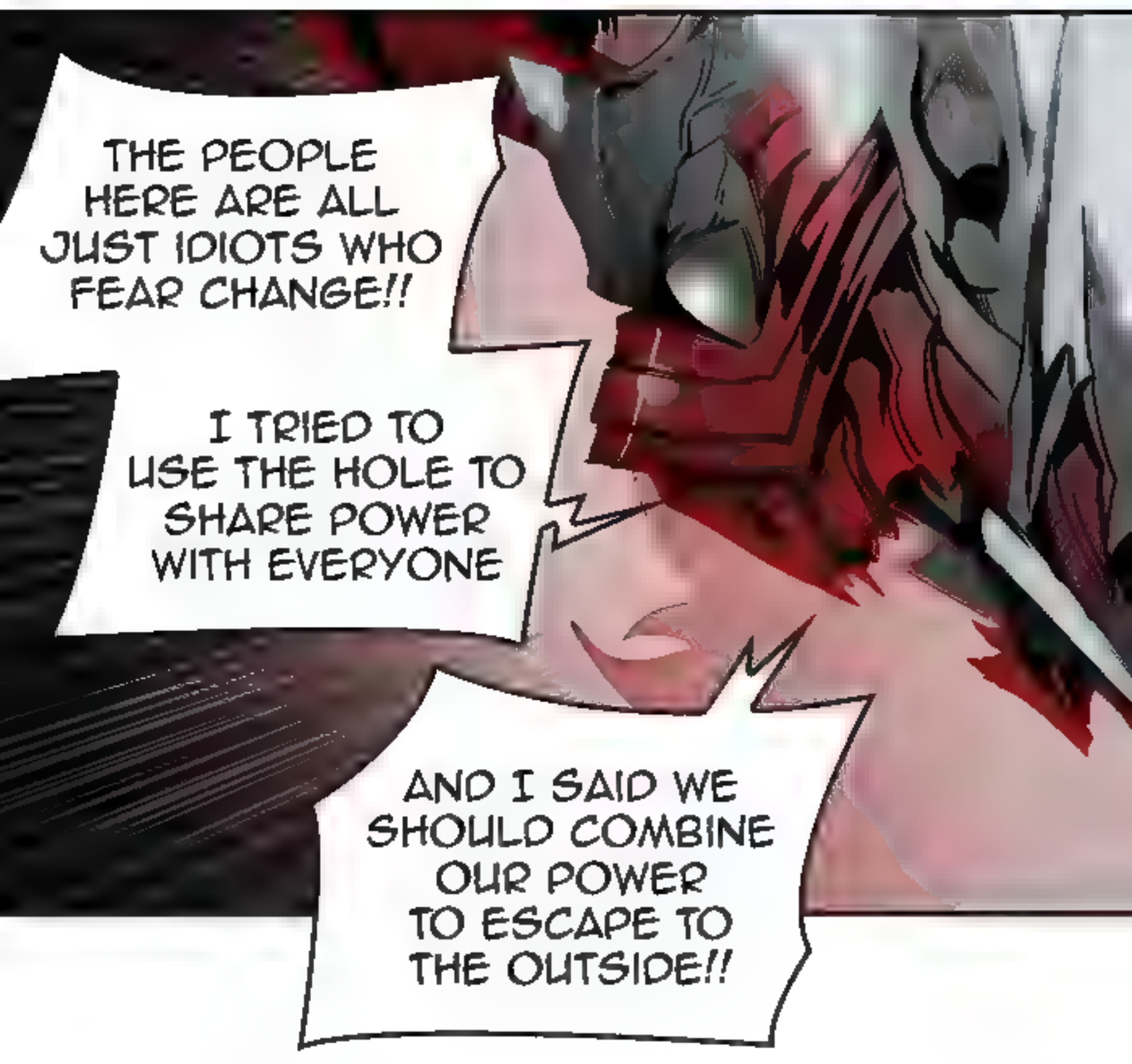
KSSS
!!
SWOOOOSH

GO IN A ZIGZAG!!
SWOOSH-
BE HONEST AND TELL ME!!
WHISH-
WHY DID YOU COME HERE?! AND HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT PUNK?
SWISH
LEFT!!
DOWN!!
H..HOLD ON A SEC, I HAVE TO TALK TO HIM!!

CRASH-
HELL JOE!!
WHAT THE HECK HAPPENED TO YOU?!
THUD-
DIDN'T YOU TELL ME THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING YOU WANTED TO DO WITH THAT POWER!? THIS WASN'T WHAT YOU WANTED!
I FEEL LIKE I'VE GOT ANOTHER BURDEN TO CARRY NOW..

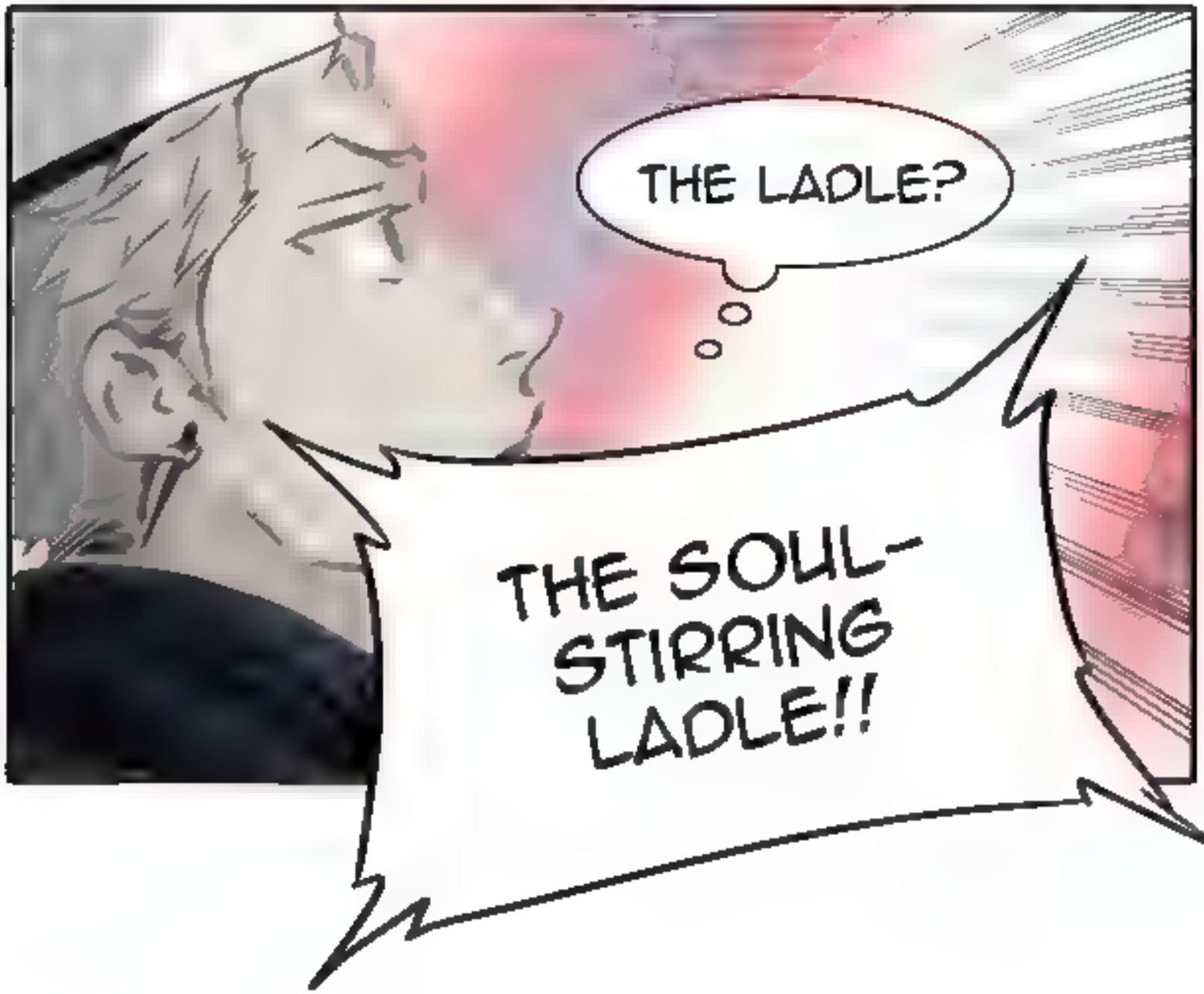
CLING-
SHUT UP!!
YOU KNOW NOTHING!!
CRISH-

I ALREADY TRIED MY BEST!!
KSSSHHH-


THE PEOPLE HERE ARE ALL JUST IDIOTS WHO FEAR CHANGE!!
I TRIED TO USE THE HOLE TO SHARE POWER WITH EVERYONE
AND I SAID WE SHOULD COMBINE OUR POWER TO ESCAPE TO THE OUTSIDE!!

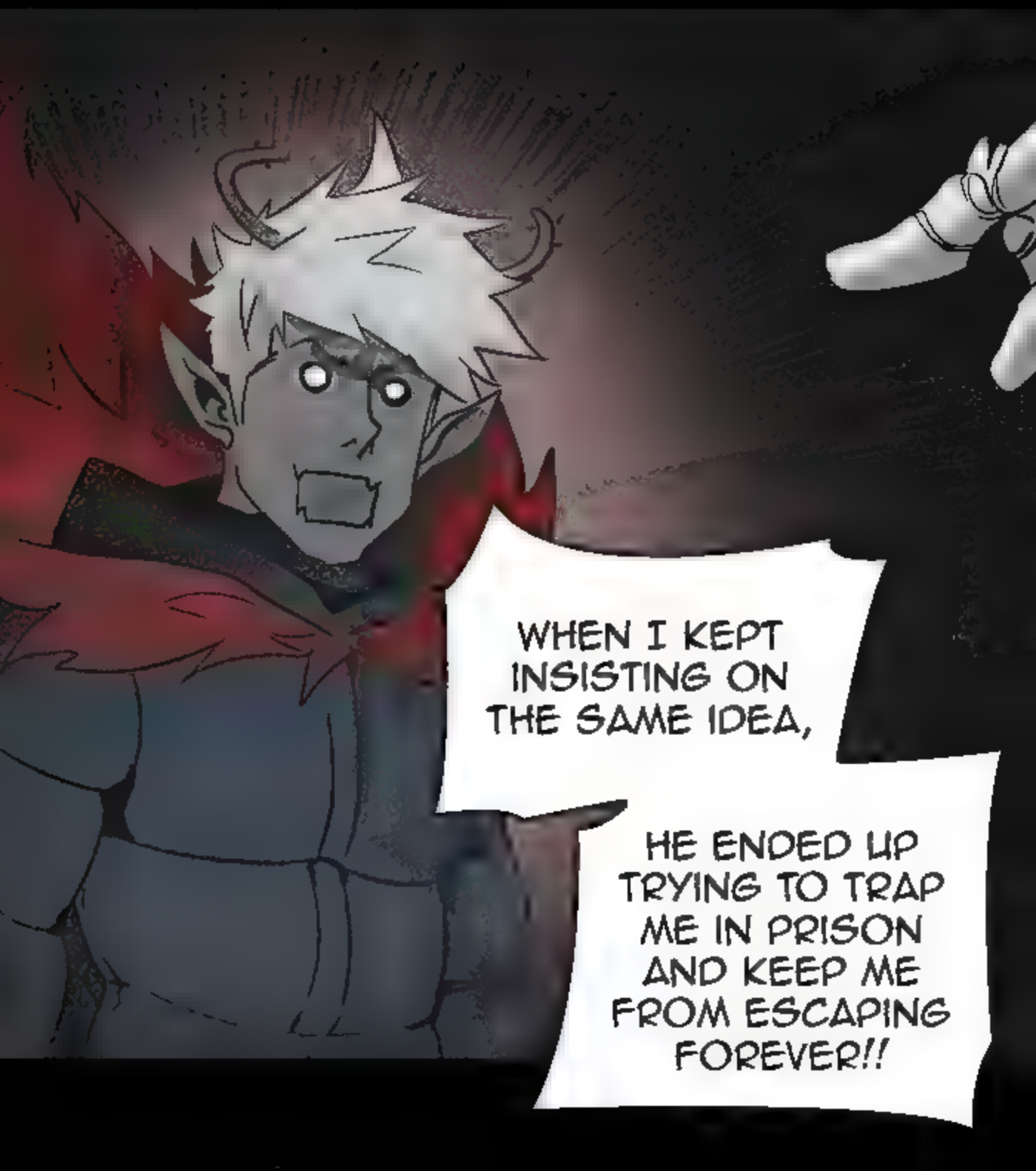
BUT THE PEOPLE HERE DOUBTED MY WORDS AND FEARED MY POWER!!
KSSHH-
..HELL JOE..
KSSHH-
SO ULTIMATELY, RIGHT TILL THE VERY END-
THEY THREW AWAY A CHANCE TO CHANGE THEMSELVES!!

IF ONLY THAT LADLE...
HADN'T GOTTEN BROKEN!!


THE LADLE?
THE SOUL-STIRRING LADLE!!

KSSHH
WE COULD HAVE ALL ESCAPED FROM THIS PLACE IF WE JUST HAD THAT LADLE!!
CRASH
IN EXCHANGE FOR SHARING THE POWER OF THE HOLE EQUALLY WITH EVERYONE, I SAID THAT WE SHOULD USE THE LADLE TO GET OUT OF HERE!!

BUT AS SOON AS I SUGGESTED USING IT, DE SAH CRITICIZED ME.
HE SAID THAT WE HAVE TO STAY HERE BECAUSE OF SOME DESTINY!!


WHEN I KEPT INSISTING ON THE SAME IDEA,
HE ENDED UP TRYING TO TRAP ME IN PRISON AND KEEP ME FROM ESCAPING FOREVER!!

BUT WHEN HIS MINIONS CAME TO GET ME, THEY WERE OVERWHELMED BY MY POWER.

SOME OF HIS SERVANTS BETRAYED HIM AND CAME TO WORK FOR ME.

I ASSERTED THAT DE SAH SHOULD RETIRE AND HAND OVER THE POSITION OF LEADER OF THE SOUTH CITY TO ME.

FEELING DESPERATE, HE THEN BRANDED ME A TRAITOR

AND MADE THE ABSURD CLAIM THAT THE YOUNGEST MEMBER OF THE GRAND FAMILY SHOULD INHERIT THE LADLE INSTEAD OF ME!!

EVEN THOUGH HE WAS JUST A KID WHO HAD STOPPED GROWING BECAUSE OF A SPELL PLACED ON HIM WHEN HE WAS YOUNG!!

THEY CONVINCED ME TO DECIDE WHO THE NEXT LEADER WOULD BE THROUGH A PEACEFUL VOTE!!

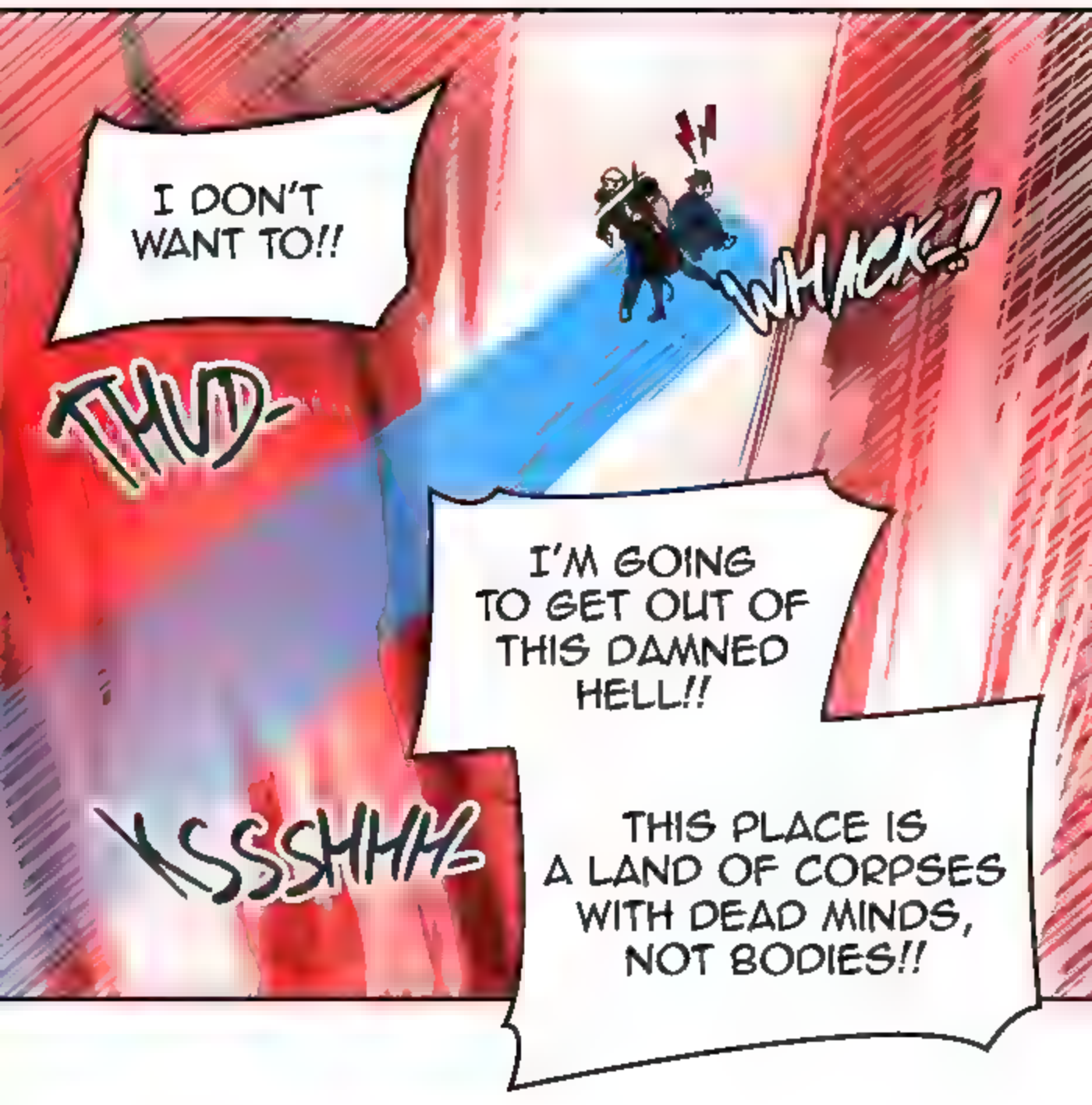
OF COURSE I WAS CONFIDENT THAT I WOULD WIN!!
SINCE I HAD PROMISED EQUAL POWER AND FREEDOM TO EVERYONE!! BUT DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE RESULT WAS?!
THAT LITTLE BRAT WON!! FOR THE SIMPLE REASON THAT HE'S FROM THE GRAND FAMILY!!

UNABLE TO BEAR IT ANY LONGER, I STAGED A COUP
AND SUCCEEDED IN DRIVING DE SAH OUT OF THIS CITY.
BUT DE SAH REFUSED TO HAND OVER THE LADLE TILL THE VERY END AND SMASHED IT RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME!!

YOU THINK DE SAH IS A BENEVOLENT LEADER AND I'M A TYRANT!? DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!!

KUMA
THEY MAY HAVE USED 'DESTINY' OR WHATEVER AS AN EXCUSE,
BUT THESE A**HOLES SIMPLY PREFERRED LIVING HERE!!

RUMBLE
UGH!! YOU DID SOMETHING STUPID AGAIN, DIDN'T YOU?
HURRY UP AND TELL ME!
Y..YURI, PUT THIS DOWN FIRST..
THUD-
WITHOUT EVEN TRYING TO GO TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD,
THEY WERE HAPPIER WITH THIS HELLISH WORLD THAT SUITED THEIR OWN TASTES!!
KSSHHH-
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO CHANGE THESE GODDAMN BASTARDS!?

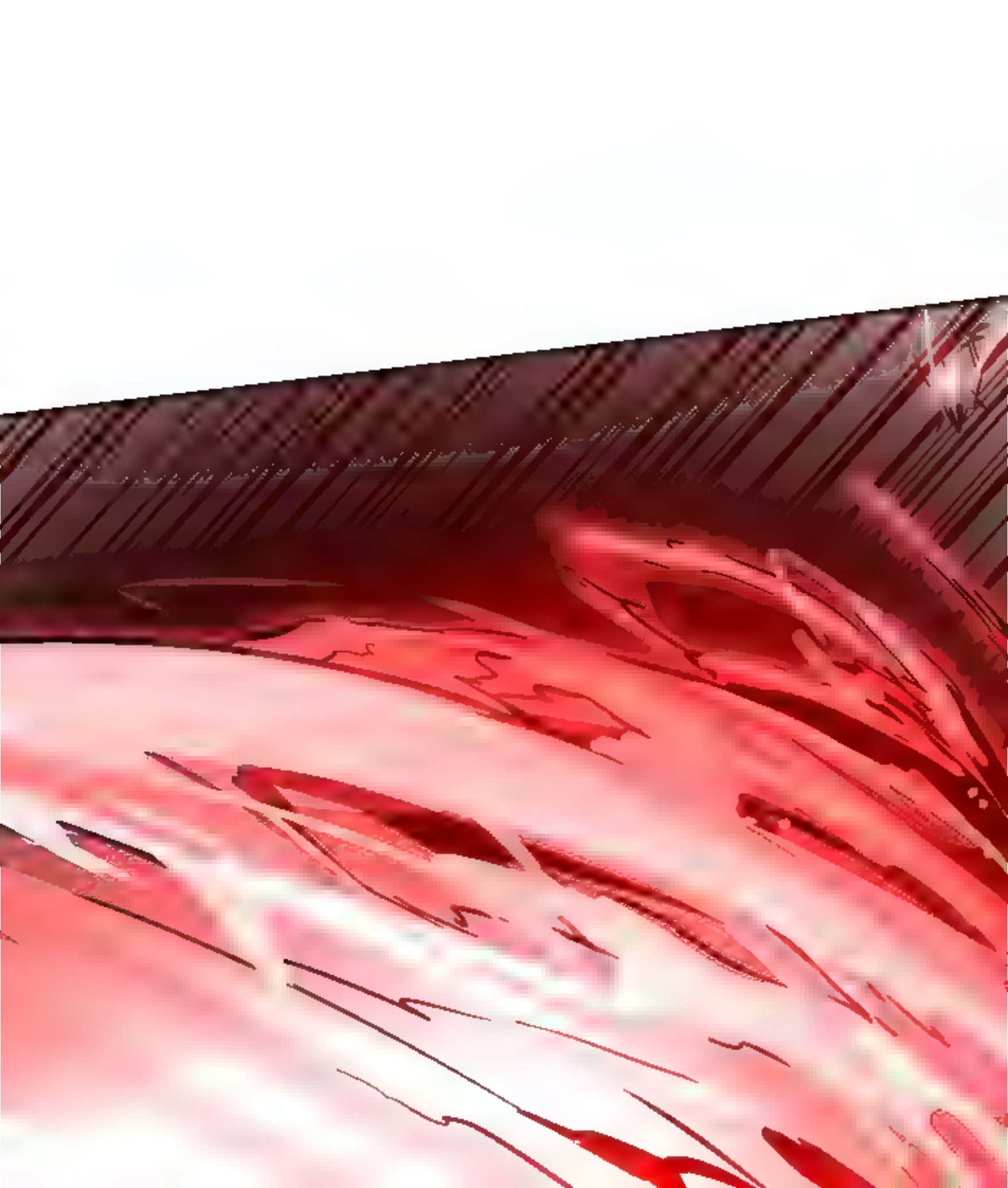

I DON'T WANT TO!!
THUD-
WHACK-!!
I'M GOING TO GET OUT OF THIS DAMNED HELL!!
SSSHHH-
THIS PLACE IS A LAND OF CORPSES WITH DEAD MINDS, NOT BODIES!!

CRASH
I'M SICK OF SITTING AROUND WATCHING TV HERE AND DREAMING OF THE OUTSIDE WORLD-
!!

THUD
NO..!!
HE'LL DIE!!
CRASH-

KSSSSS
I'M GOING TO LEAVE HERE MYSELF AND CHANGE THE WORLD!!
HHHH

WATCH OUT!!
BAM!!
!!



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KRRRRRRRRR

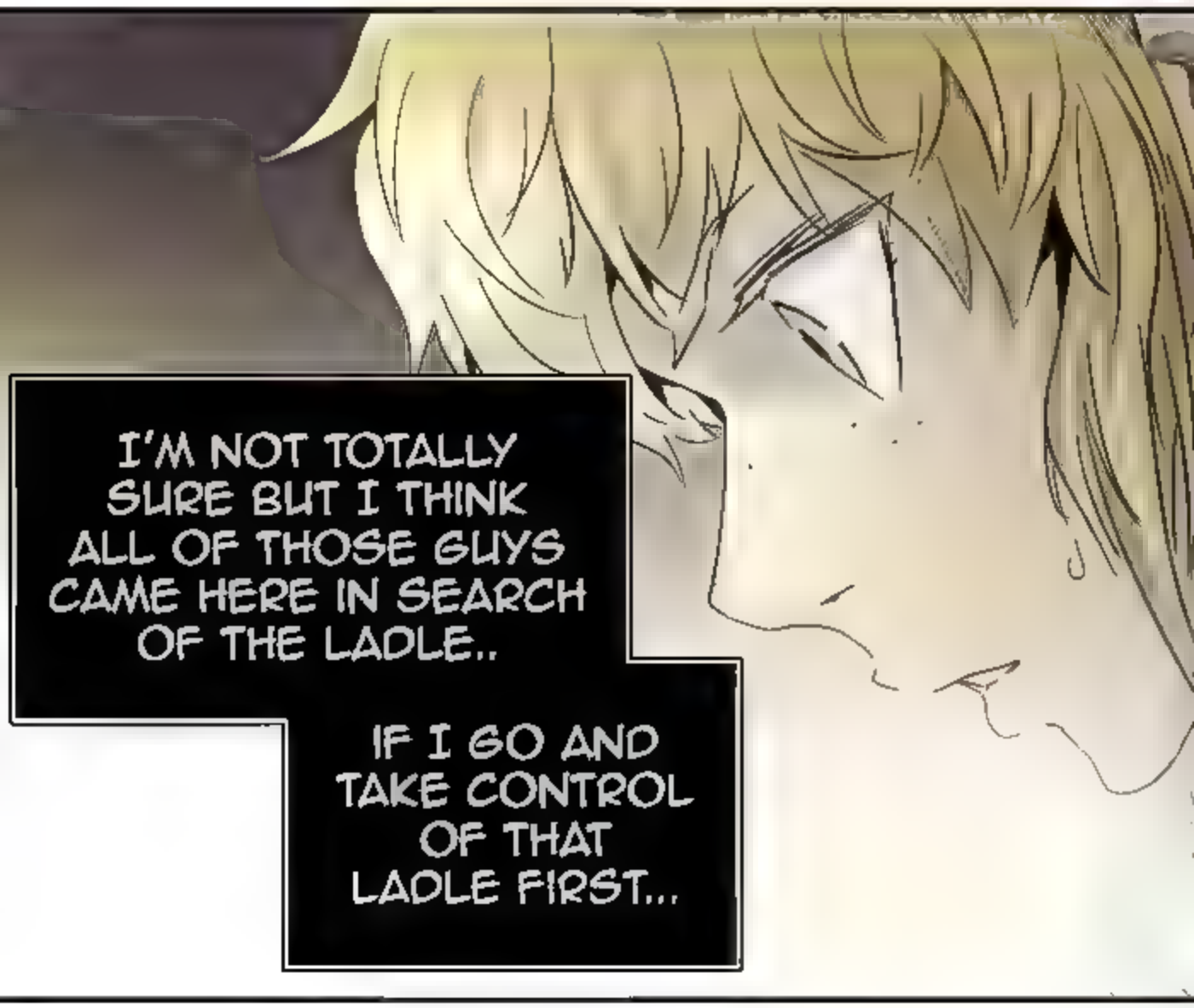
W..WHAT'S THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN?! WHO'S HE?!

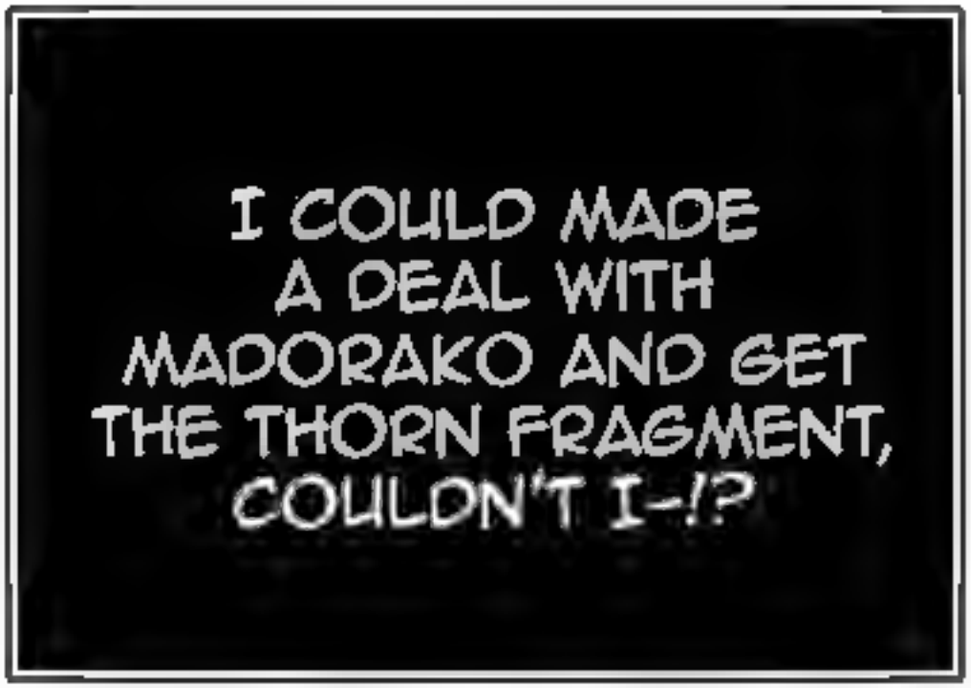
GRAND DE LEE. THE CURRENT RULER OF THE NORTH CITY. HE WAS ORIGINALLY A RANKER.
WHAT?!
IT LOOKS LIKE WE'VE MET A TOUGH OPPONENT.

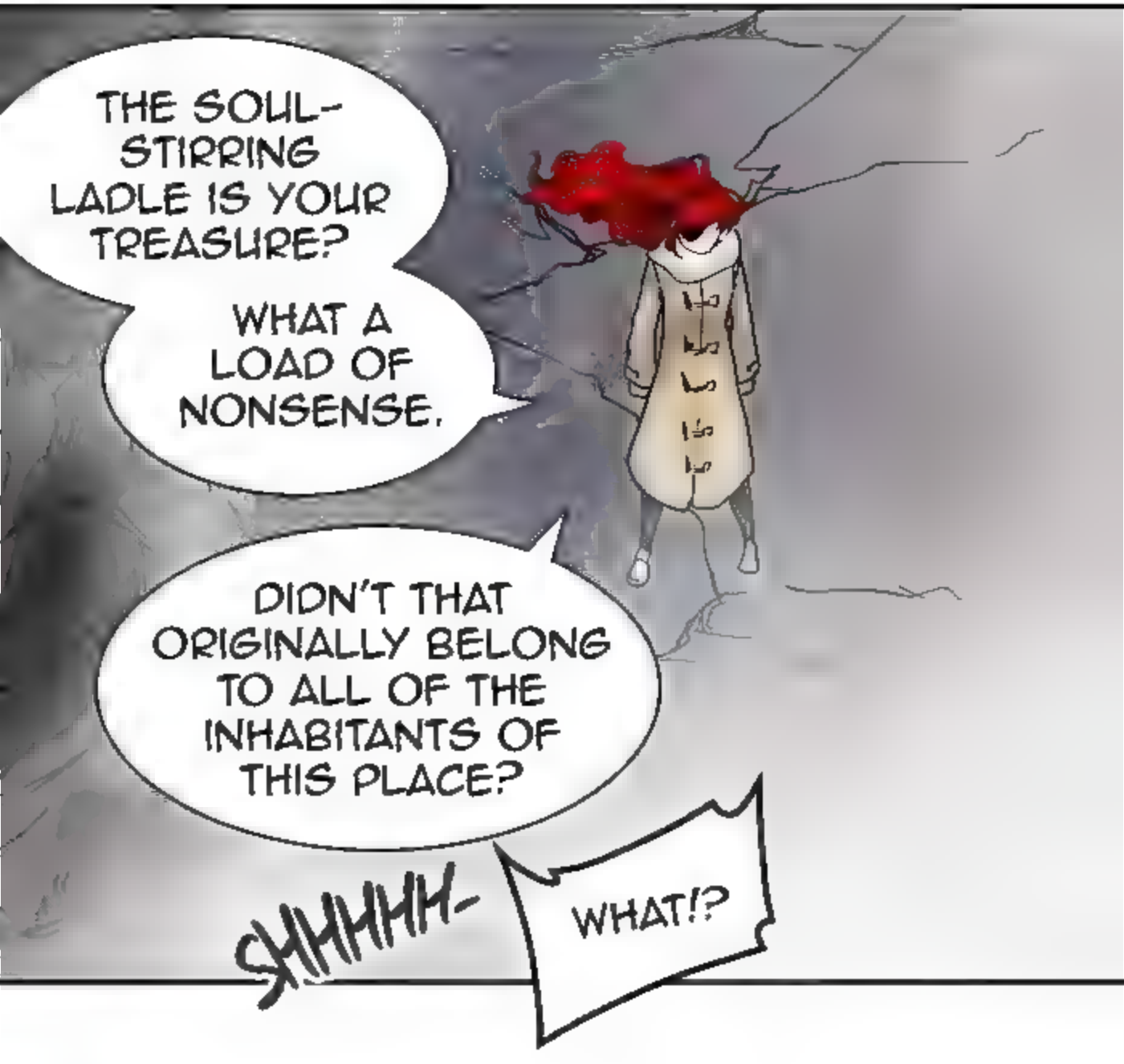
HOW DARE YOU TRY TO STEAL OUR TREASURE, THE SOUL- STIRRING LADLE?
YOU CAN NEVER BE FORGIVEN FOR THIS.
WHISH

I'M GOING TO PUNISH YOU-!!
SSSSSSSS
AAAHHH!!

D..DAMNIT!! HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO BEAT A RANKER?!
LET'S TALK THIS OUT!!
CRASH
..WHAT ON EARTH IS GOING ON HERE?
RUMBLE


I'M NOT TOTALLY SURE BUT I THINK ALL OF THOSE GUYS CAME HERE IN SEARCH OF THE LADLE..
IF I GO AND TAKE CONTROL OF THAT LADLE FIRST...


I COULD MADE
A DEAL WITH
MADORAKO AND GET
THE THORN FRAGMENT,
COULDN'T I-!?


THE SOUL-STIRRING LADLE IS YOUR TREASURE?
WHAT A LOAD OF NONSENSE.
DIDN'T THAT ORIGINALLY BELONG TO ALL OF THE INHABITANTS OF THIS PLACE?
SHHHHH-
WHAT!?

BACK WHEN YOU GUYS FIRST CAST A SPELL ON THIS PLACE, THE GRAND FAMILY

PROMISED THE RESIDENTS OF THIS PLACE THAT YOU WOULD USE THE LADLE TO FREE THE SOULS OF ANYONE WHO WANTS TO LEAVE IN 500 YEARS.

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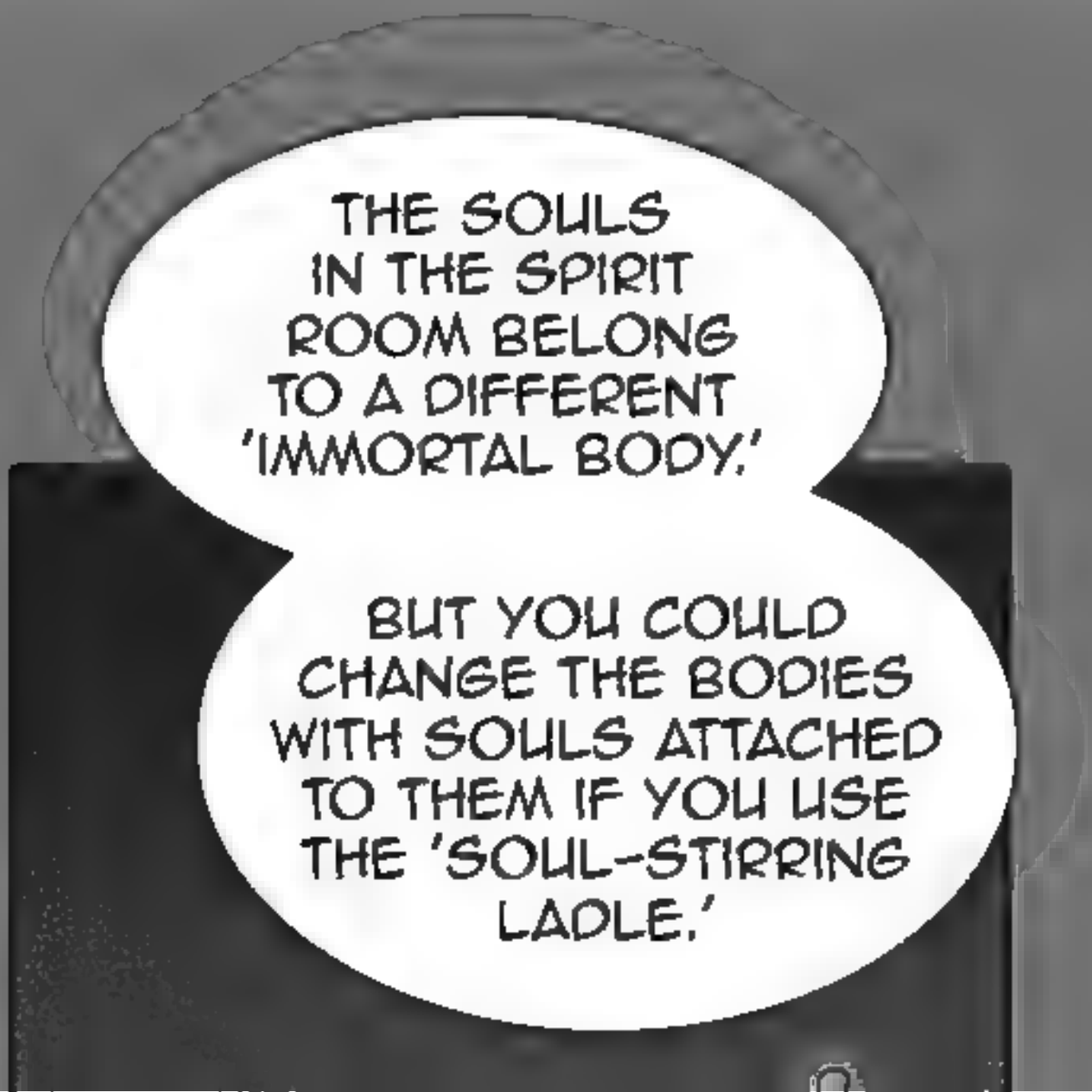
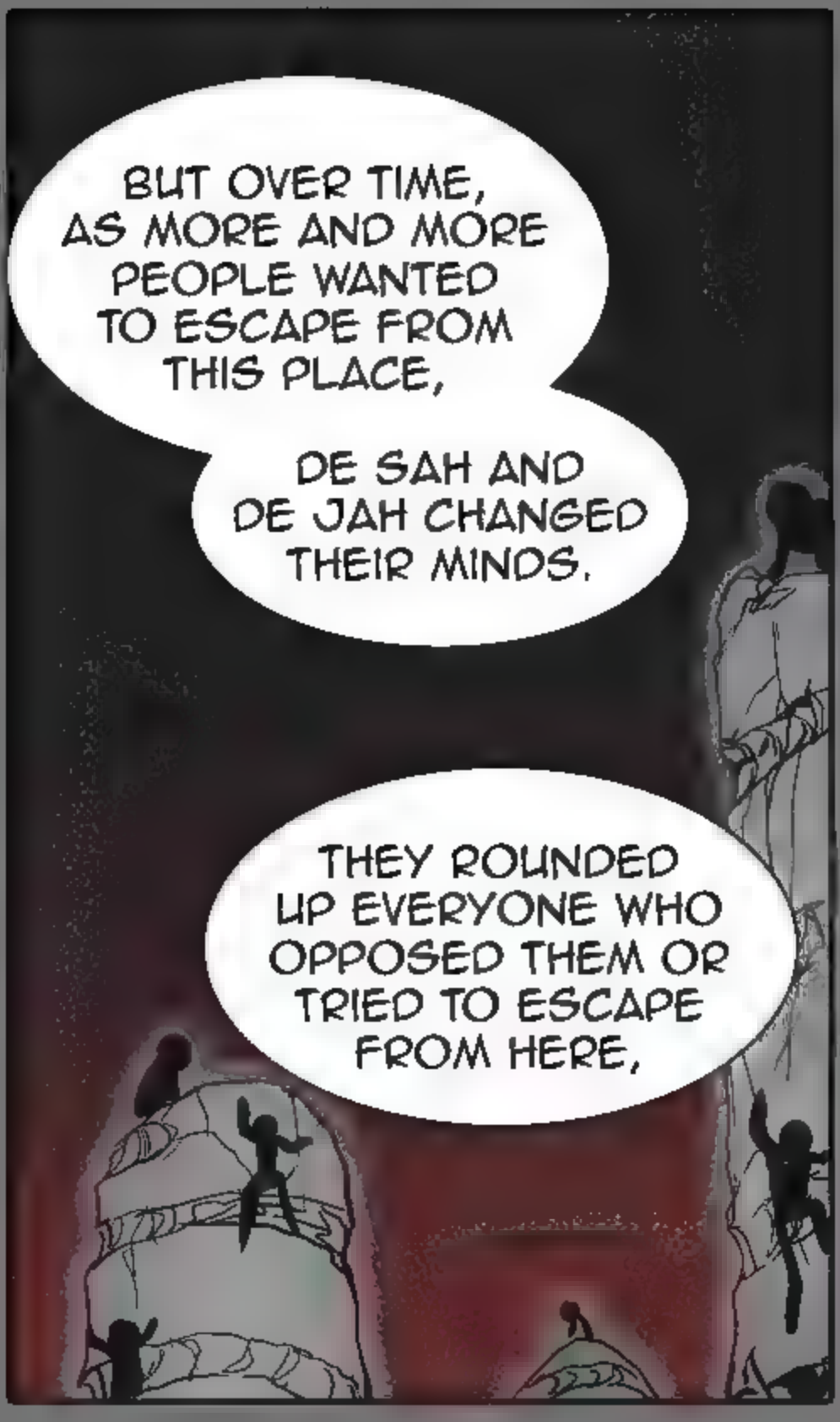
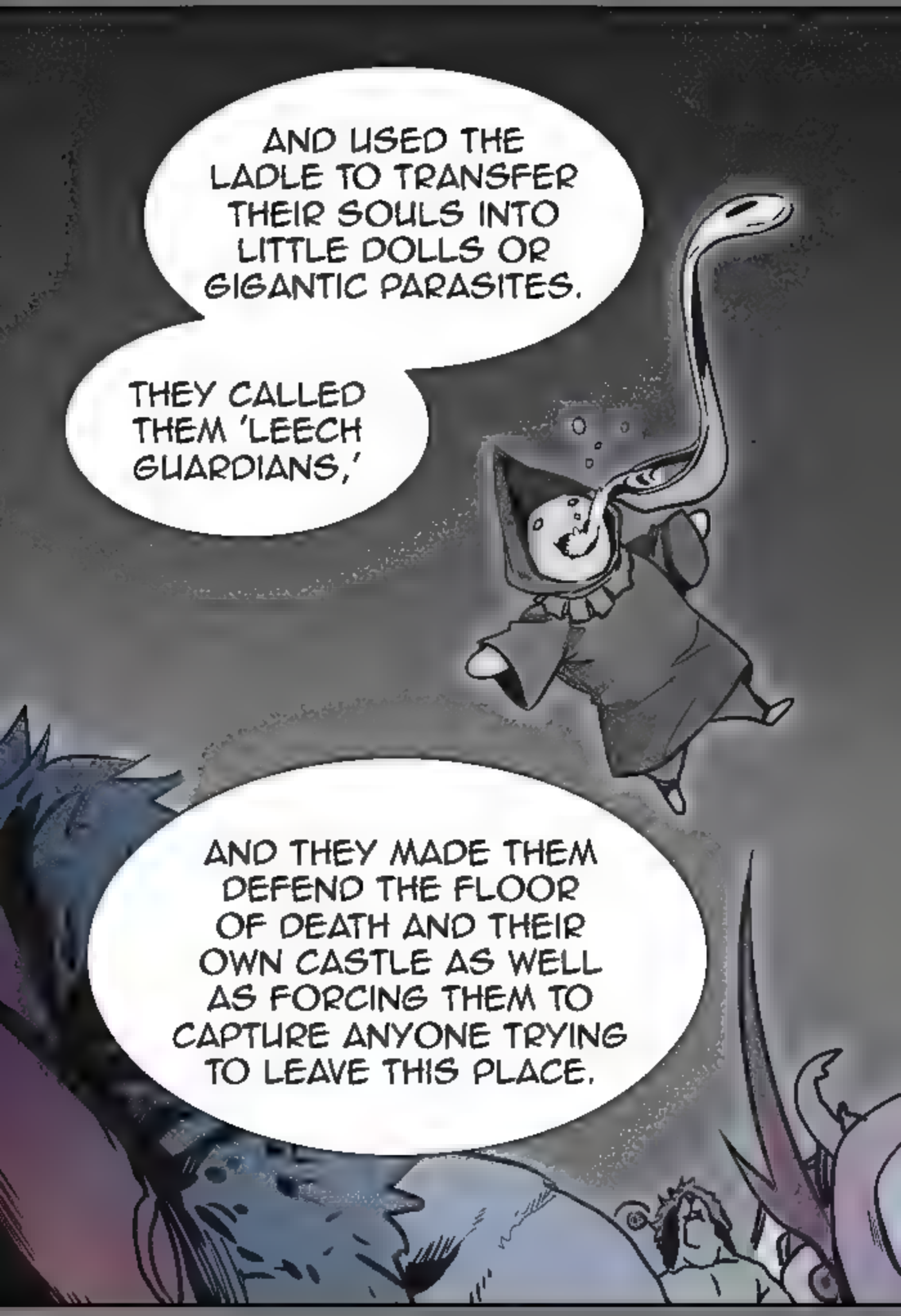
BUT YOU GUYS DIDN'T KEEP THAT PROMISE.


THE SOULS IN THE SPIRIT ROOM BELONG TO A DIFFERENT 'IMMORTAL BODY.'
BUT YOU COULD CHANGE THE BODIES WITH SOULS ATTACHED TO THEM IF YOU USE THE 'SOUL-STIRRING LADLE.'

DE SAH AND DE JAH ORIGINALLY PROMISED TO SHARE THE SPIRIT ROOM AND THE LADLE AS WELL AS NOT TO ABUSE THEIR POWER.


BUT OVER TIME, AS MORE AND MORE PEOPLE WANTED TO ESCAPE FROM THIS PLACE,
DE SAH AND DE JAH CHANGED THEIR MINDS.
THEY ROUNDED UP EVERYONE WHO OPPOSED THEM OR TRIED TO ESCAPE FROM HERE,


AND USED THE LADLE TO TRANSFER THEIR SOULS INTO LITTLE DOLLS OR GIGANTIC PARASITES.
THEY CALLED THEM 'LEECH GUARDIANS,'
AND THEY MADE THEM DEFEND THE FLOOR OF DEATH AND THEIR OWN CASTLE AS WELL AS FORCING THEM TO CAPTURE ANYONE TRYING TO LEAVE THIS PLACE.

AND YOU GUYS TRIED HARDER AND HARDER TO HIDE AND CONCEAL THE EXISTENCE OF THE LADLE.

ULTIMATELY, THE LADLE WHICH HAD BEEN THE ONLY HOPE OF FREEING PEOPLE FROM THIS PLACE

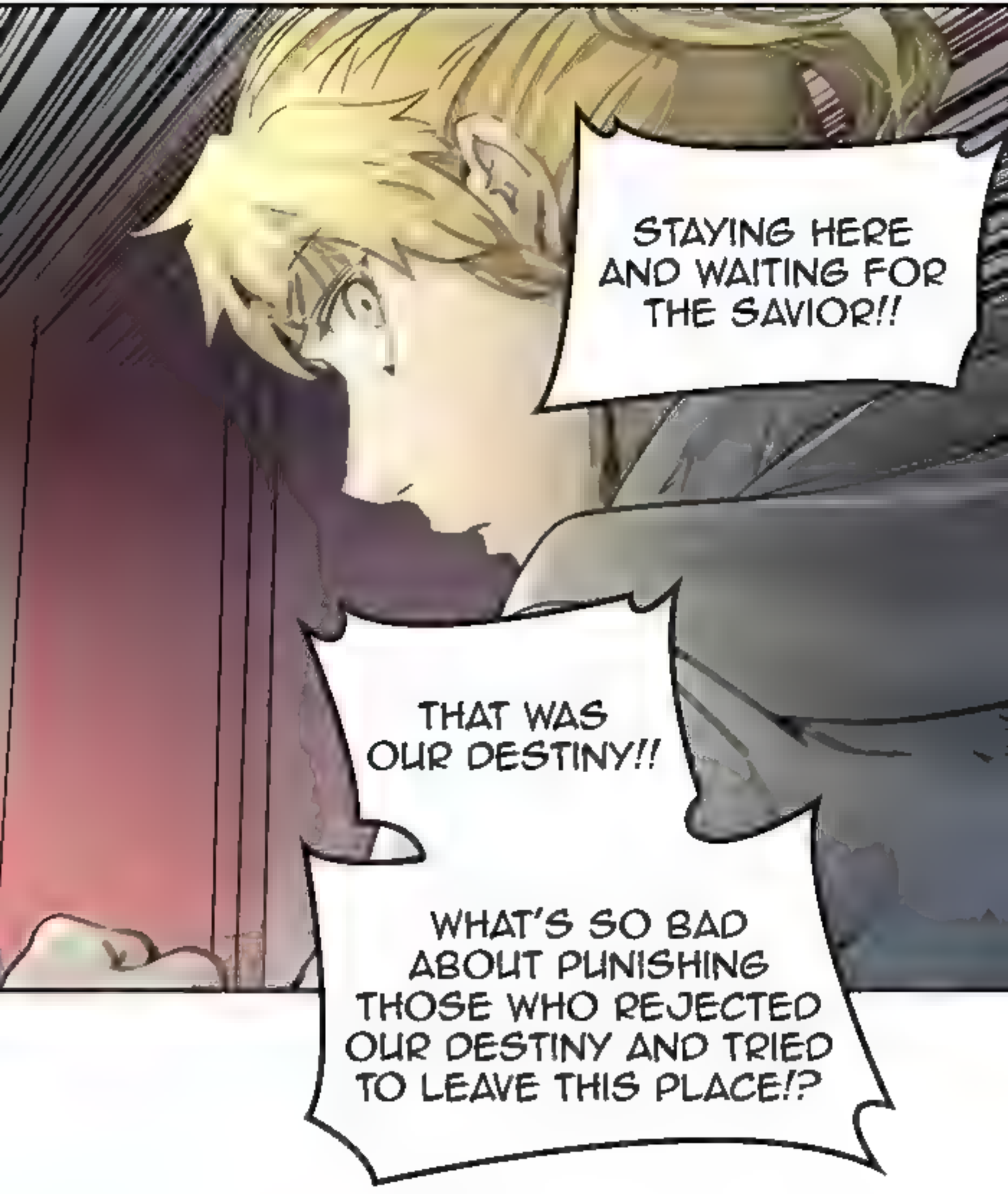
BECAME A SWORD FOR MAINTAINING THE POWER OF DE SAH AND DE JAH.

THERE'S A REASON WHY DE SAH AND DE JAH WERE ABLE TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OF THIS PLACE WITHOUT ANY MAJOR PROBLEMS FOR SUCH A LONG TIME.

YOU NEVER DESERVED THAT LADLE ANYWAY!!
WE NEED IT SO WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE IT WITH US!!

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!!
WHISH
THAT WAS THE BEST CHOICE FOR EVERYONE!!

SINCE WE WERE SAVED BY ENRYU, WE HAVE BEEN GUARDING THIS PLACE IN ORDER TO DELIVER THE THORN TO OUR SAVIOR!!
TATATA
BUT WHAT IF THE JAHAD FAMILY ON THE OUTSIDE HAD FOUND OUT ABOUT OUR EXISTENCE?
THEY WOULD HAVE LEARNED OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE THORN AND TRIED TO STEAL IT FROM US AT ALL COSTS!!


STAYING HERE AND WAITING FOR THE SAVIOR!!
THAT WAS OUR DESTINY!!
WHAT'S SO BAD ABOUT PUNISHING THOSE WHO REJECTED OUR DESTINY AND TRIED TO LEAVE THIS PLACE!?

DEFYING DESTINY IS A FOOLISH THING TO DO!!
THE LADLE MUST REMAIN ON OUR HANDS SO THAT WE CAN PUNISH THOSE PEOPLE!!
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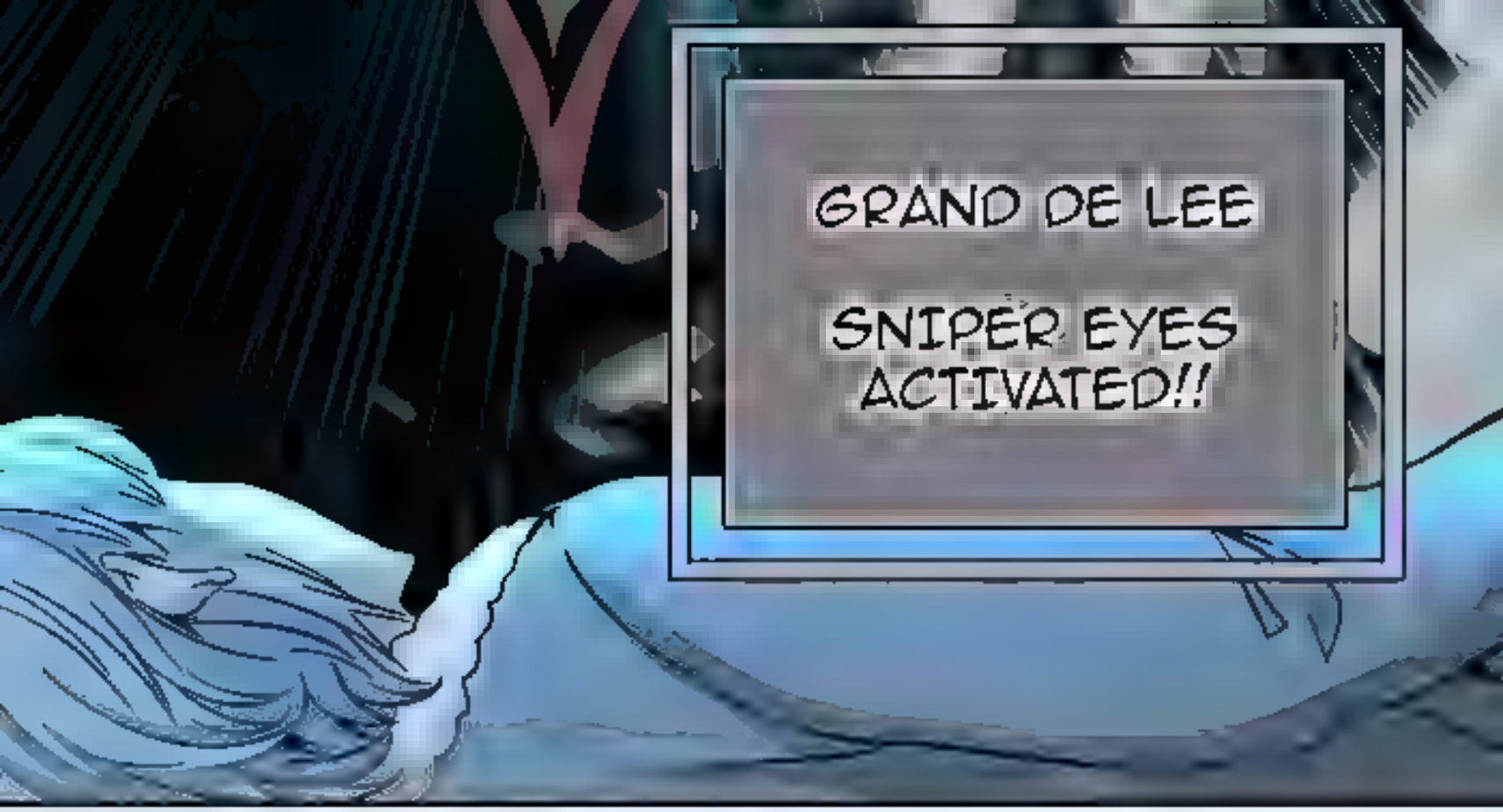
AND TODAY,
WE FINALLY MET
OUR SAVIOR!!

EVEN IF THERE WERE SOME SLIGHT PROBLEMS!!
THAT MEANS THAT WE MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE!!

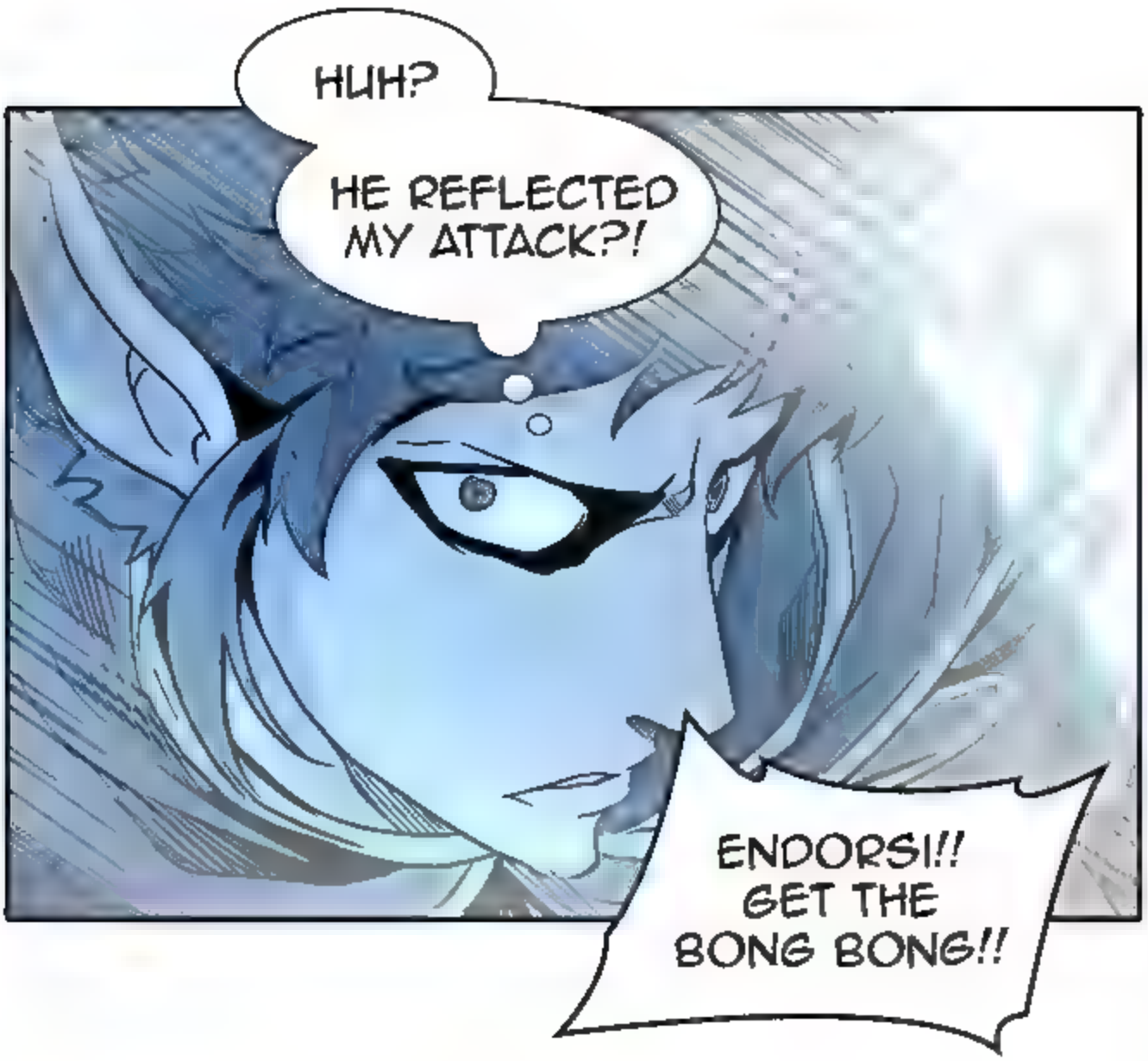

GRAND DE LEE
SNIPER EYES ACTIVATED!!

I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU KNOW THE SECRET OF THE LADLE
BUT YOU'RE ALL GOING TO DIE HERE!! YOU THIEVES!!

SORRY BUT I CAN'T ALLOW THAT!!
WHOOSH
ENNA CORE ACTIVATED!!

CRASH

SWOOSH-!!
UGH!!

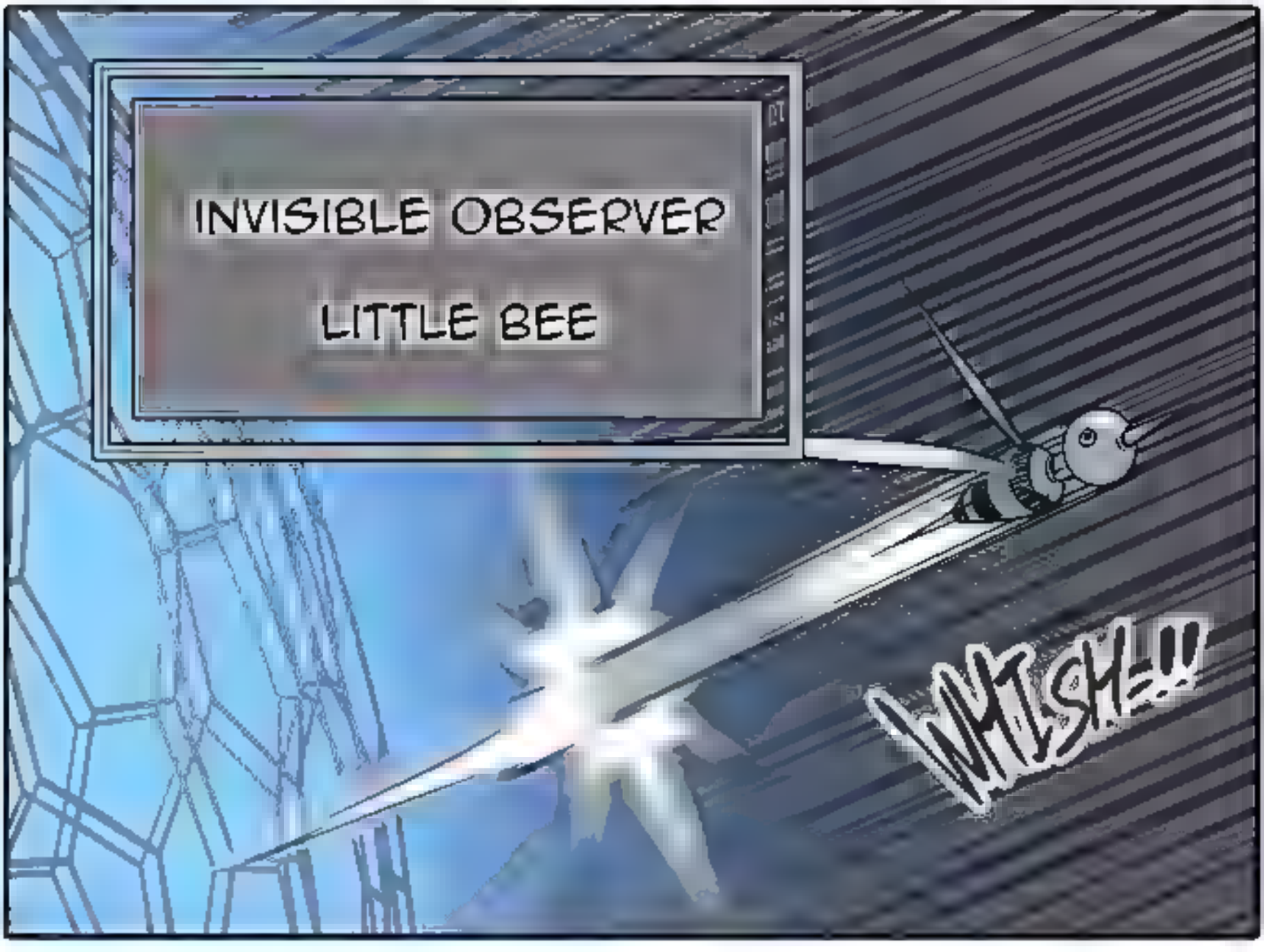

HUH?
HE REFLECTED MY ATTACK?!
ENDORSI!! GET THE BONG BONG!!

WHOOSH
!!

LET'S GO!!
WHISH!!

WAITING

THAT LIGHTHOUSE..
THERE'S SOMETHING IN IT..!!


INVISIBLE OBSERVER
LITTLE BEE
WHISH-!!

HWARYUN!!! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?
OBVIOUSLY WE SHOULD ENTER THE CASTLE TO GET THE LADLE FROM DE SAH AND THEN ESCAPE.
T.T.T.T.T.T.=
THEN WE'LL FIND VIOLE AND GET OUT OF THIS PLACE.
YOU'RE REALLY NOT INTERESTED IN ANYTHING BUT BAM!!

BASED ON WHAT THAT GUY SAID, THE LADLE THAT DE SAH HAS
IS PRACTICALLY THE ONLY WAY TO GET OUT OF THIS PLACE..
SO IF WE JUST MAKE GOOD USE OF IT, COULDN'T WE GET HELL JOE TO JOIN OUR SIDE?

KHUN!!
CHHHH-
!?

SACHI!!
EVERYTHING'S OKAY HERE.
WE'VE GOT THE DEVICE THAT OPENS THE DOOR TO THE PLACE WHERE DE SAH IS TRAPPED.

NICE TIMING!! HURRY UP, WOULD YOU?
CHH-
WE MIGHT DIE IF YOU TAKE TOO LONG!!
CHH-
WHAT!?

IT'S A LONG STORY!! JUST HURRY!!
AI!! HURRY UP AND..!!
YEP!!
CLUNK

KRRRRRRRR-
THE DOOR IS OPEN!! HURRY!!
BEFORE DE LEE ESCAPES!!

SPLASH
!!

KOOOOOA

CRA
SH
..THE LIGHTHOUSE !?
FLASH-

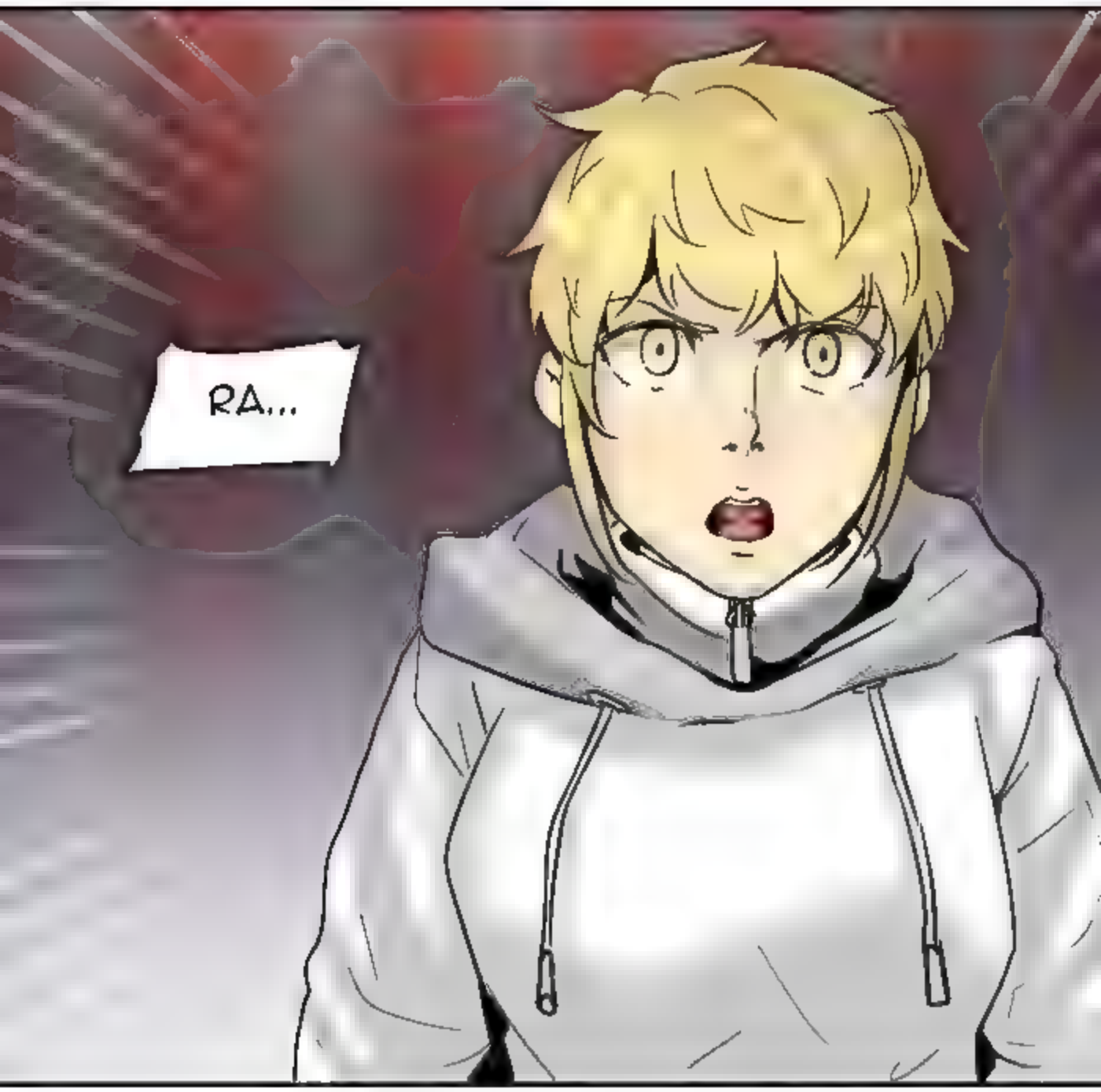
WHOOSH
DE LEE?!

DIE, YOU THIEF!!

SWOOSH
!!

STOP!!
WHT
!?

GLANCE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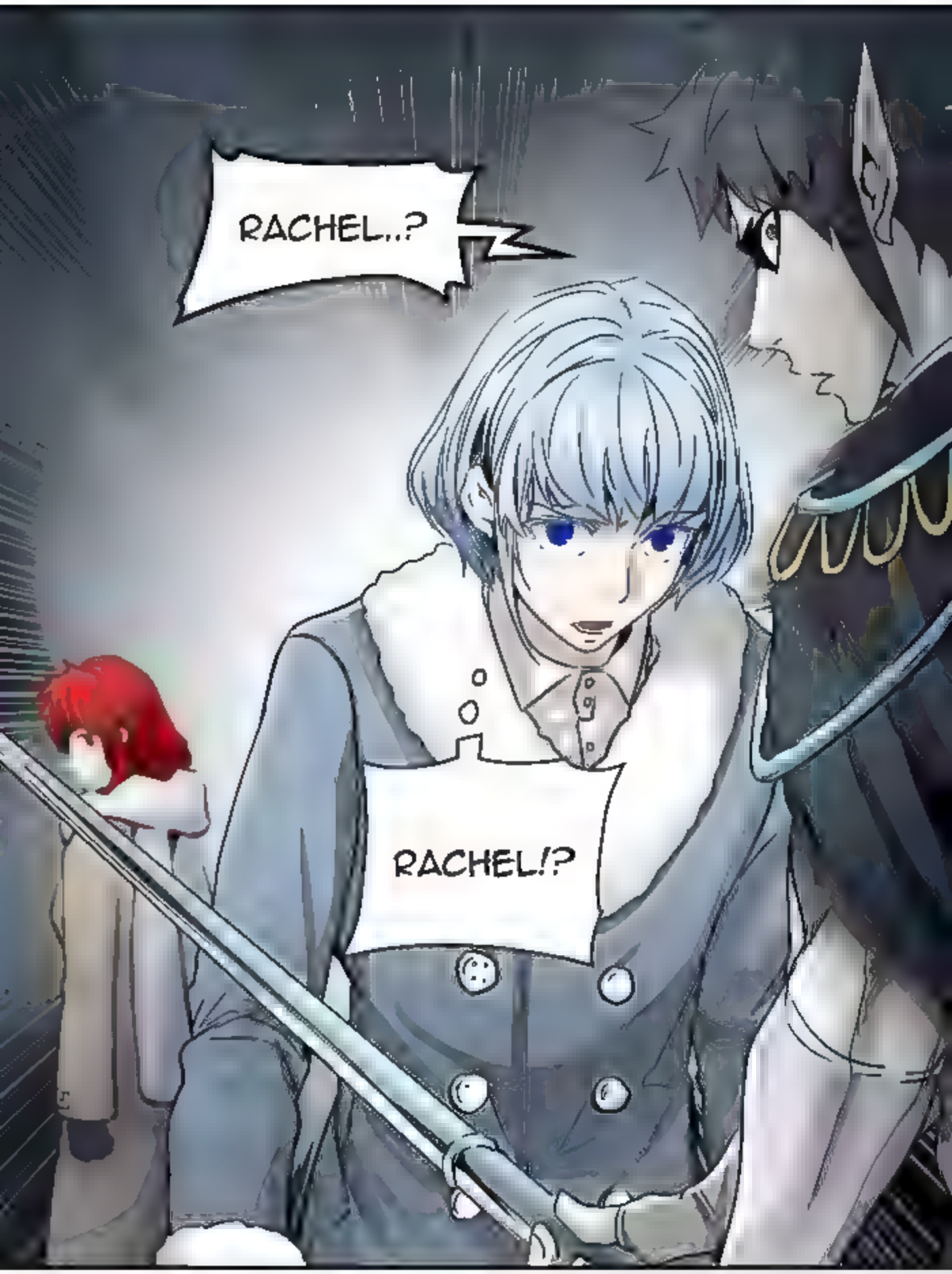
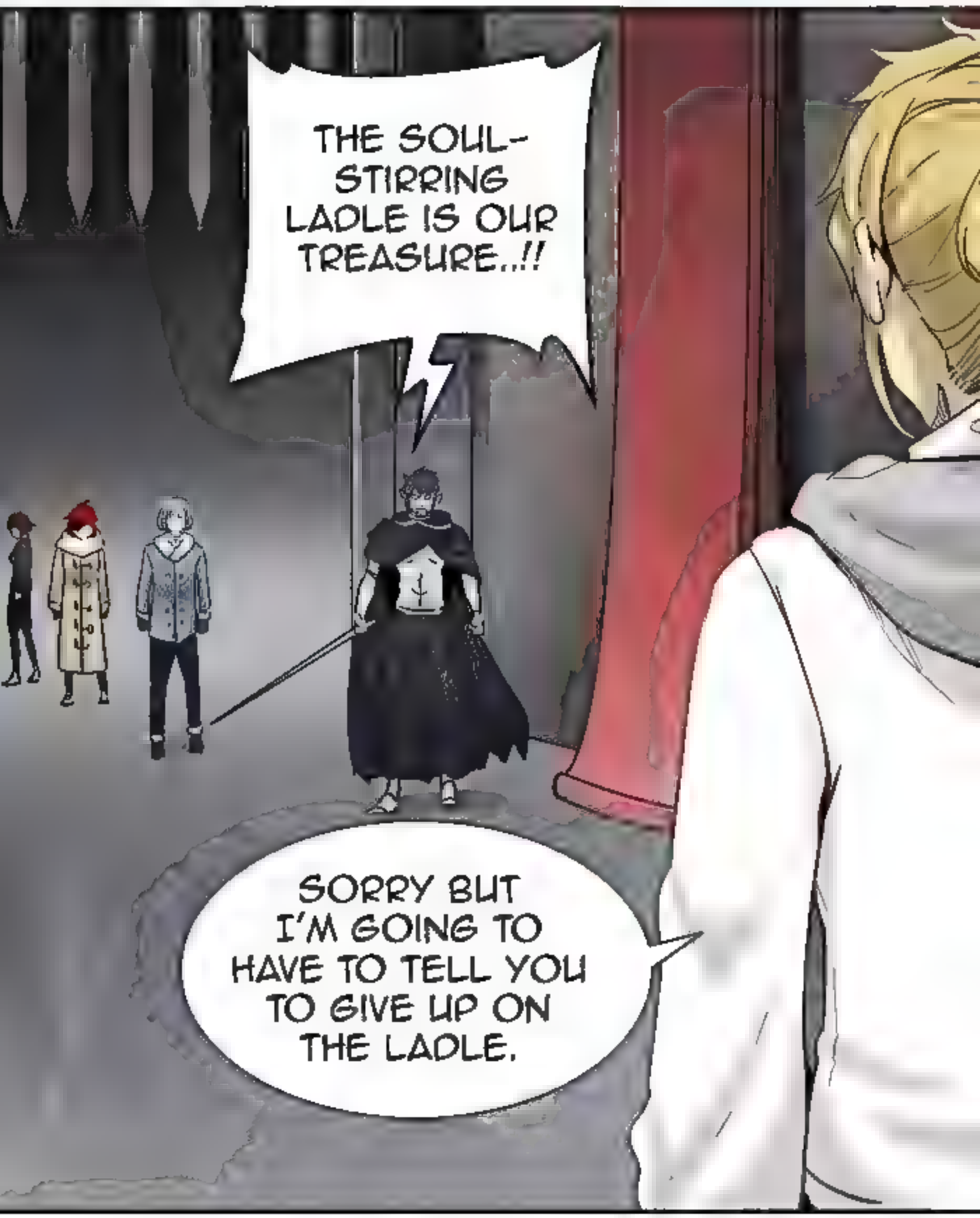

RACHEL..?
RACHEL!?

THESE ARE BAM'S COMPANIONS!!
BAM WON'T FORGIVE YOU IF YOU HARM THEM.
WHAT..!?

THESE THIEVES ARE THE SAVIOR'S COMPANIONS?!
WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WHAT'S SHE DOING HERE..?!
YOU HEARD ME.

TAP-
THOSE GUYS ARE BAM'S COMPANIONS.
SO LET THEM GO.
B..BUT THEY'RE TRYING TO STEAL FROM US!!

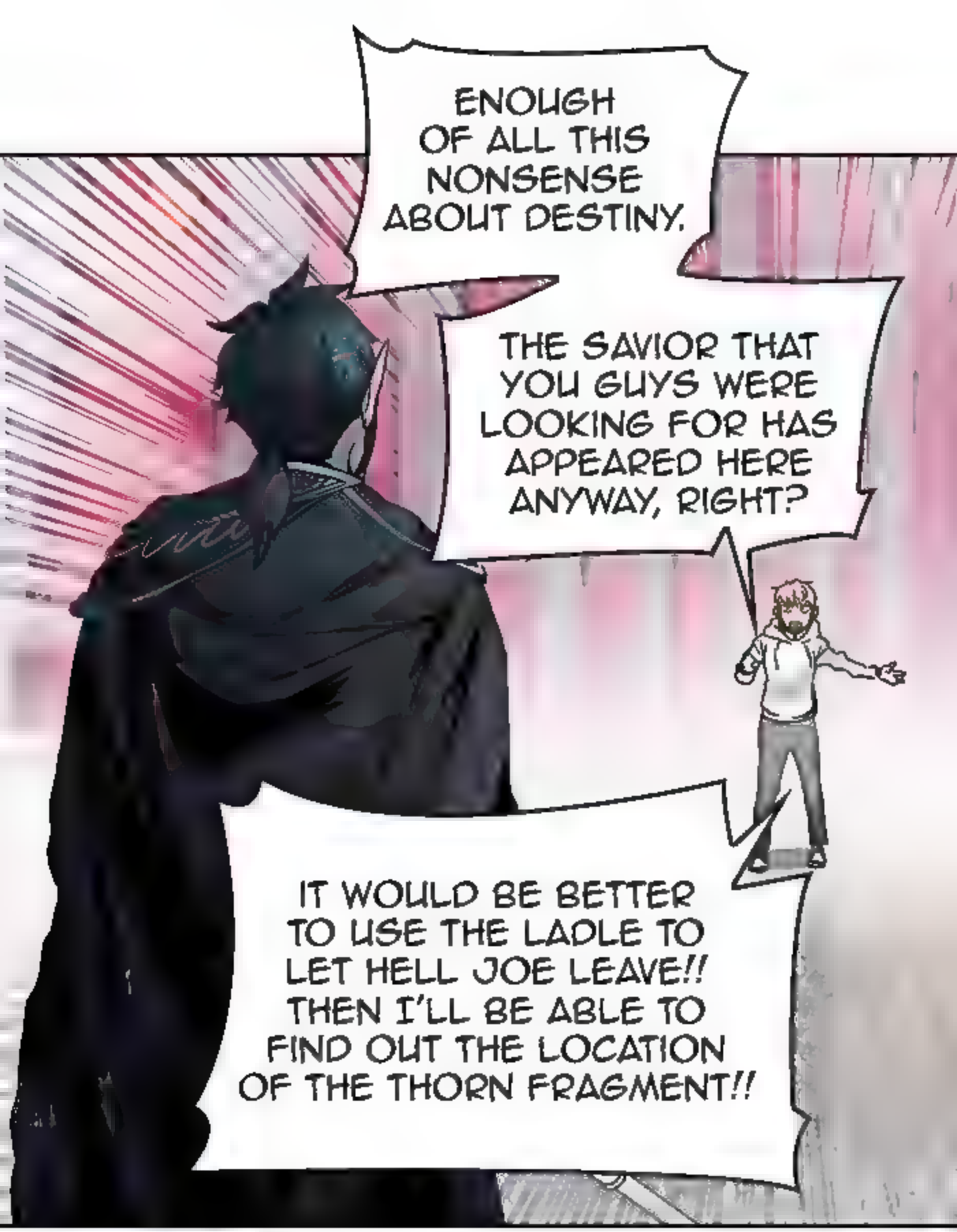

THE SOUL-STIRRING LADLE IS OUR TREASURE..!!
SORRY BUT I'M GOING TO HAVE TO TELL YOU TO GIVE UP ON THE LADLE.

HONESTLY, I DON'T THINK YOU GUYS HAVE THE RIGHT TO KEEP THAT LADLE.
!!
WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER FOR EVERYONE TO GIVE HELL JOE THE LADLE AND TELL HIM TO LEAVE THIS PLACE?

IT'S STARTING TO GET ON MY NERVES.
THAT GODDAMN FATALISM OF YOURS, I MEAN.

GETTING ON YOUR NERVES..?
YOU THINK EVERYONE HAS TO LIVE ACCORDING TO A FIXED DESTINY?
DON'T BE SILLY. NO ONE ON THE OUTSIDE LIVES LIKE THAT.

DESTINY ONLY HAS VALUE WHEN YOU CREATE IT YOURSELF!!
I KNOW VERY WELL!!
IT'S FOOLISH TO DEVOTE YOUR OWN LIFE TO DESTINY LIKE THAT!!


ENOUGH OF ALL THIS NONSENSE ABOUT DESTINY.
THE SAVIOR THAT YOU GUYS WERE LOOKING FOR HAS APPEARED HERE ANYWAY, RIGHT?
IT WOULD BE BETTER TO USE THE LADLE TO LET HELL JOE LEAVE!! THEN I'LL BE ABLE TO FIND OUT THE LOCATION OF THE THORN FRAGMENT!!

ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU GUYS WANTED MOST?!
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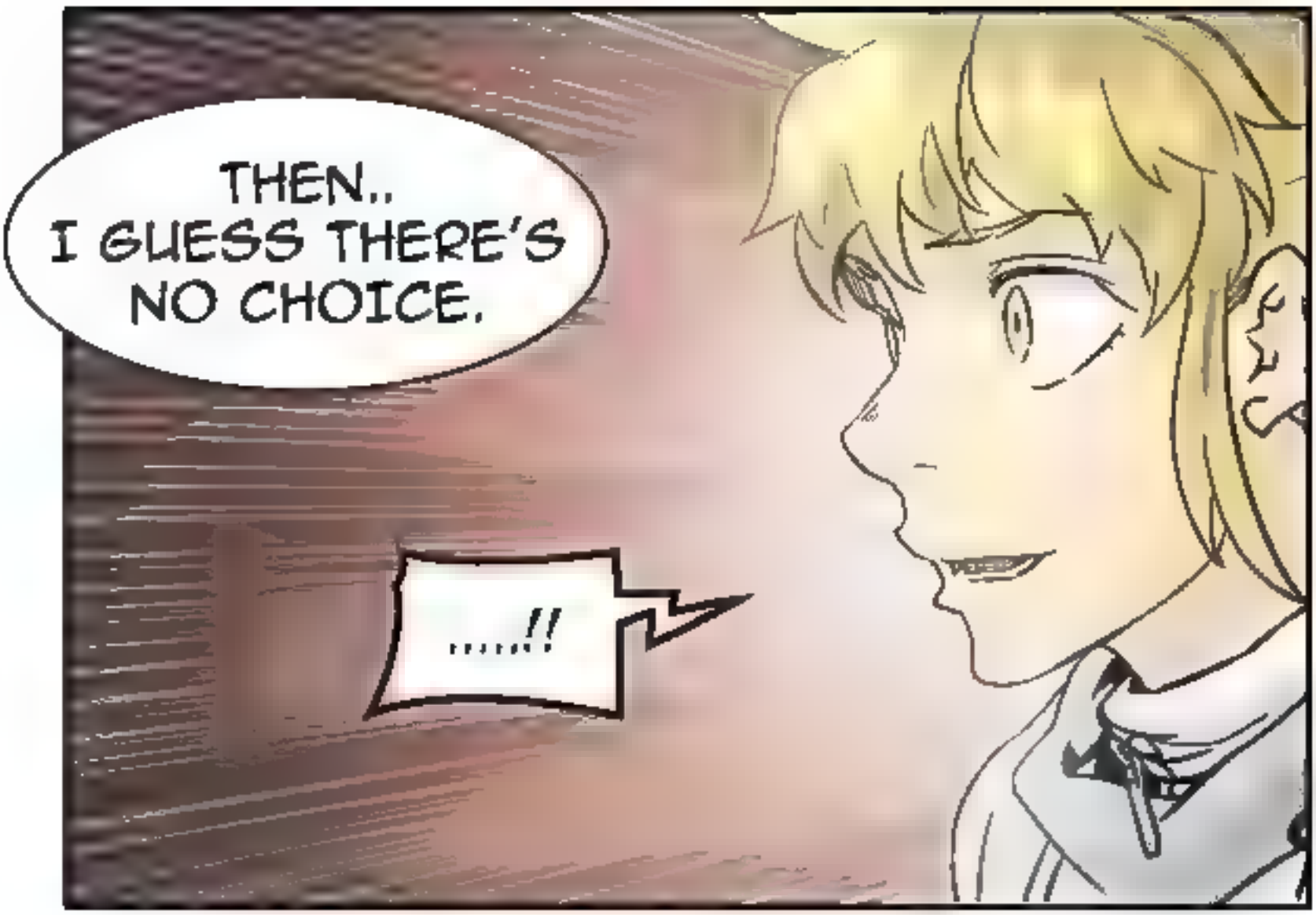
THEN..
I GUESS THERE'S
NO CHOICE.
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KRRRRR
YOU WILL HAVE TO DIE TOO.

KRRR

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ARE THEY DEAD..?

SWOOSH—
NO..
IT WOULD
TAKE MORE
THAN THAT..

ARE YOU OKAY, BAM!?
I..I ALMOST DIED.
HUFF-
HUFF-
SHHHH

WHEW-
Y..YOU SAVED ME.
I WAS ABLE TO GET OUT OF THERE BECAUSE YOU LET ME KNOW IN ADVANCE, HOCKNEY.

IF UREK HADN'T DUG A CAVE TO PROVIDE US WITH A RETREAT AT THAT MOMENT,
CRASH
I PROBABLY WOULD HAVE DIED.

HEY. BABY.
?
YOU CAN STILL FLY AROUND, RIGHTS?

WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING ON DOING? YOU CAN'T EVEN USE SHINSU.
THE TWO OF US ARE GOING TO SEE HELL JOE.
I HAVE TO HIT HIM BACK AT LEAST ONCE.
RATTLE
RATTLE
WHAT!? ARE YOU INSANE? WHY ARE YOU TAKING BAM WITH YOU!?

IT'S FINE.
IT WILL BE OVER
IN NO TIME.
RTTG
THAT IDIOT MAY BE
FRUSTRATED BECAUSE
THAT LADLE BROKE,
BUT ONE HIT WILL BE
ENOUGH-

TO KNOCK SOME SENSE INTO HIM-

CLANG